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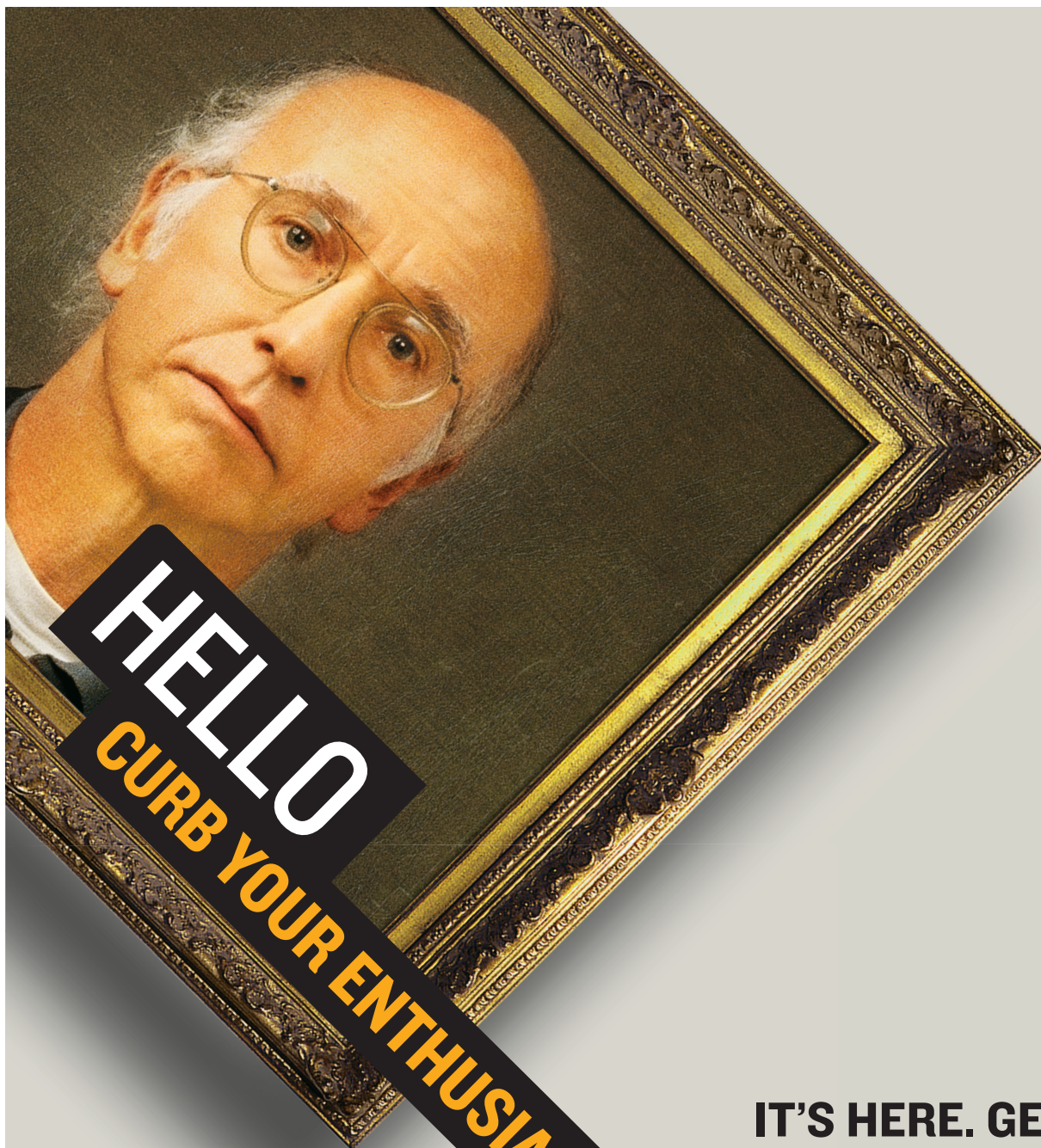
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Andrew Wash, his wife Lisa and his nine-year-old daughter Anna walk their pony Candy and horse Barney yesterday in front of their new stable at their Ferguson's Cove home.

Candidate to seek new vote despite council

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ELECTION A former city election candidate is continuing her fight for a re-election in Hammonds Plains-St. Margarets, despite council's decision to dismiss her plea last night.

Gina Byrne, who placed third in a close race in the recent municipal election, says voter turnout was inhibited by an advance poll opening two hours late, long lineups at another advance poll and switched voter lists at two of the 11 polling stations.

"I am very surprised that council did not decide to right the wrong," she said.

Byrne said voter turnout at the mixed-up polling stations was 14 and 18 per cent, while the rest of the district was 22 to 35 per cent.

Byrne finished 17 votes behind runner-up Doug Poulton and 59 behind the winner Peter Lund.

While she maintains she would've won had more people voted at the mixed-up polls, Byrne says she's not fighting this for herself. She says she's doing it for the community and at any cost.

"I am doing this for democracy," she said.

She's meeting with residents Thursday to decide her next step, possibly a court action. "I have to know people aren't seeing this as sour grapes," she said.

Man dies after collision in rain

HIGHWAY 104 Sixty-one-year-old Kenneth McNair of Moncton, N.B. died Monday when his convertible hit a tractor-trailer outside Amherst.

At about 6:30 a.m. McNair lost control of his car in heavy rain on Highway 104 and spun into the path of several tractor trailers.

RCMP are still investigating the cause of the crash.

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HRM's horse and pony show

RACHEL BOOMER
and **LINDSAY JONES**



First, it was cats. Then backyard chickens. Now — a horse and pony.

Ferguson's Cove residents Andrew and Lisa Wash have asked Halifax regional council to allow them to keep a horse and Shetland pony on their 0.5-hectare property.

Last night, council took the request to the next step, asking for a staff report to consider changing the current bylaws to permit the couple to keep

their equines. Council also agreed to let the Wash family's request go to a public hearing.

Preston-Lawrencetown-East Chezzetcook Coun. David Hendsbee was the only one to speak on the matter, asking staff to look at manure issues and whether there could be any run-off into neighbouring wells in their report.

The Washs are hoping the current post-election impatience by council to be done with all fowl and feline matters won't hurt their chances.

"We're not putting a nu-

"Council can complicate it as much as they wish or as little as they wish. I'm hoping as little as they wish."

Coun. Steve Adams

clear facility at the end of our driveway. We're proceeding with what we think is reasonable," Wash said yesterday.

"We can't even see our neighbours. We've all got large-sized properties."

The couple, who own the Cat's Inn boarding kennel, want to keep the horse and pony for personal use.

They've spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours building a stable, going through three inspections by HRM, collecting neighbourhood signatures for a petition presented to council last night.

In order to get the bylaw amended, they said they've paid \$3,500 so the city can rent a hall for a public hearing, advertise it, and put a sign on their lawn.

After last night's meeting, Coun. Steve Adams de-

fended council dealing with another animal bylaw after its long and heavily criticized cat saga.

"It's part of what we do," said the Spryfield-Herring Cove councillor. "There's nothing wrong with someone coming forward and asking for something."

"Council can complicate it as much as they wish or as little as they wish. I'm hoping as little as they wish."

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Province coughs up cash for multi-year Dalhousie project

The province will put \$1.6 million a year for 20 years into a new BioScience Enterprise Centre at Dalhousie University. The new centre will replace the current one on Lower Water Street in Halifax by spring 2011.

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This will be one spooky ride

Critical Mass, a monthly cyclists' event meant to promote bicycle safety and enjoyment, will be held on Halloween, at 6 p.m. Organizers are asking riders to wear costumes this month. Meet at Victoria Park, on the corner of South Park and Spring Garden.

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Would you like an inspection history with those fries?

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If you've been wondering if your favourite pizza place's kitchen is clean, wonder no longer.

As of yesterday the inspection history of every eatery in the province is online and searchable to the public. You'll eventually be able to see detailed reports on inspections ranging back two years.

Every violation from improper food handling to weak shelves is displayed. You also see what action the inspectors took and whether the problem was fixed.

"I don't think there's any fear as far as we're concerned because it's transparency, and transparency is very good," said Costa Elles, who co-owns several local restaurants including Argyle, Mosaic and Opa.

"We want our customers to know we have passed and we have gone through the regulations."

But Elles was more skeptical about a system requiring restaurants to post inspection reports or "grades" on their windows.

Many places require restaurants to display numbered, alphabetical or colour-coded grades to customers. But at a press conference yesterday Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor



Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor, left, and Mike Horwich, director of food protection for Nova Scotia, answer questions from reporters yesterday.

"I don't think there's any fear as far as we're concerned because it's transparency and transparency is very good."

Costa Elles, restaurant owner

said he saw no need for such a system.

"We don't think it's necessary. We're not going to

require eating establishments to post them at this particular time and I don't see that we would be doing

that in the future either," said Taylor.

"This is a very, very factual approach to dealing with inspections."

The province's 25 food specialists perform about 9,700 inspections per year.

Access the system at www.gov.ns.ca/agri/food-safety.

Here's what to look for when reading restaurant inspection reports

Does your neighbourhood pub have a stack of violations? These are the ones you should worry about, says Mike Horwich,

director of food inspection for the province:

- Cross-contamination of food
- Ill food handler
- Improper refrigeration

• Uninspected food on the premises

- Non-potable water supply
- These are the most common violations, but Horwich says

they're not a major concern:

- Lights burned out
- Staff not wearing hair covering
- Bathrooms not equipped with soap or paper towels

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Apartment beating leaves man unconscious

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A 28-year-old man was still unconscious in the hospital yesterday afternoon after an early-morning attack in Clayton Park.

Neighbours heard a disturbance in the stairwell of a Harlington Crescent apartment building shortly before 3 a.m., but no one called police.

At 6:15 a.m. a tenant

found the man badly beaten in the stairwell. His face was bloodied, but tenants and the police managed to identify him.

Residents of the building identified the victim to the media as Daniel Penny, a painter who lives in the building.

Const. Jeff Carr with the Halifax Regional Police said officers were still unable to

speak to him yesterday afternoon.

"There's no obvious evidence that a weapon was involved, but we don't know

if there was one or not," Carr said.

"As a result of the information we've gathered so far, we believe it's unlikely this was a random incident."

As of yesterday afternoon police had no suspects.

"... We believe it's unlikely this was a random incident."

Const. Jeff Carr

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On Thursday, Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis will present awards to 10 people who saved lives this year at great risk, in dangerous circumstances. Among those being honoured are five youth who saved a man caught in a lobster trap in Sydney Mines. **METRO HALIFAX**

Dismissed employee back to work at women's organization

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Rosamond Luke is back in charge of AWEDA.

Luke was dismissed last month by association members Trish Glazebrook and Brenda Saunders/Todd after they allegedly discovered financial irregularities in the charity's books.

Earlier this month, four board members reinstated Luke, pending an independent investigation into the events surrounding her dismissal.

"Let's put it this way: The tables have turned," Luke told Metro News yesterday. "My priority will be to go through and clear my name of all the allegations."

Saunders/Todd said last month that when they looked in the All Women's Empowerment and Development Association's bank account there was only \$20,000 left of the approximately \$150,000 in grants they received.



Rosamond Luke has been reinstated as the director of AWEDA.

That was barely enough to cover expenditures like staff salaries. Files have been turned over to Halifax Regional Police for investigation.

Board members reinstated Luke at a meeting October 7. The board's lawyer,

Victor Goldberg, said Glazebrook and Saunders/Todd had no authority to act on behalf of the board, which is now planning its own independent investigation.

Yesterday, Glazebrook repeated earlier comments that AWEDA is finished.

"AWEDA ceased operations three or four weeks ago," said Glazebrook. "There's nothing really left to go back to. There's no money. The office is empty."

Luke is also seeking a peace bond against Glazebrook. She claims she was at Glazebrook's house when she was threatened with an axe.

Glazebrook says that's nonsense.

"That's just false. I've never threatened her with an axe. I don't know, she was so scared for her life then that she waited until now to file a peace bond? That doesn't even make any sense."

The peace bond goes to court Nov. 6.

Halifax chamber urges mayor to 'do something'

CITY GOVERNMENT The Halifax Chamber of Commerce is urging the mayor to show "strong leadership" once the new council is sworn in Nov. 4.

In a news release titled "Don't just stand there. Do something."

"The business community has to understand there's a residential component to this municipality."

Mayor Kelly

Payn says Kelly needs to show "decisive leadership" and prevent council from spending too much time debating cat bylaws or backyard chickens.

Payn said the Chamber wants action on transportation, tax reform, and economic growth.

Kelly said the release is "browbeating" that doesn't help him focus.

"The business community has to understand there's a residential component to this municipality," Kelly said.

"I'm not getting side-tracked on these minor issues. We will stay on topic and focus."

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Cops walk holiday beat

TRURO Truro police are increasing patrols downtown throughout the holiday season to combat concerns from the business community.

Chief David MacNeil said it is reinstating its seasonal beat work downtown, which normally runs from April to September, after meeting last week with Inglis Place business owners, merchants and town officials.

"We just wanted to take more of a proactive approach and make sure the public is aware the downtown is open for business and the police are here, close by, if anybody needs us," MacNeil said.

"There's something reassuring about seeing an officer on foot walking the beat."

From now until the end of the Christmas season, each of the force's platoons will assign an officer to the area.

The chief said it may not be all day, but as call

volumes and workload dictate.

MacNeil said some of the concerns raised during last week's meeting related to people hanging around or loitering downtown.

The added police presence is welcomed by business people downtown.

"That's great news," said Mark Sidler, of Margolians.

"During the summer with the community liaison officers walking the downtown beat we noticed that there was a more welcoming atmosphere for our customers."

The Downtown Truro Partnership president said it wants customers, visitors and staff to know downtown is a welcoming and safe environment.

Sidler said Halifax Regional Police recently reinstated its beat officer in Dartmouth.

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News in brief

ARREST Police nabbed the drive-through robber yesterday after he hit up two fast-food restaurants in Halifax. The suspect first pulled up to the Dairy Queen drive-through window on Dutch Village Road around 2 p.m. yesterday, showed a gun and demanded cash. A few hours later, he pulled the same thing at the Wendy's on Kempt Road, but didn't show a weapon. A few minutes later, the cops caught up with him. They noticed the car stopped at the Petro Canada on Bayers Road and arrested him.

TRANSIT A 42-year-old man was charged with fare fraud for allegedly trying to use a fake bus pass. He was charged after trying to use the fraudulent pass on a bus in the area of Cork and Windsor Streets.

ASSAULT Halifax Regional Police are looking for two knife-wielding men who robbed a 22-year-old pedestrian in Fairview just after 1:30 a.m. yesterday. The thieves punched the victim in the face, then ran away with his cellphone and bank card.

ARREST Police arrested two men in a stolen car Monday on the Bedford Highway and seized break-and-enter tools and bear spray. **METRO HALIFAX**

Discovery Centre hosting Iron Science playoffs

Science teachers should mark Friday on their calendars. Discovery Centre is hosting the Atlantic playoffs of Iron Science from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It's designed to highlight creative ways of teaching science and engineering. Winners will go to the national playoffs. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Election prep for ex-pats

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Whether it's Barack Obama or John McCain, Americans living in Halifax are gearing up for the big day.

On Tuesday Americans will elect a new president, and while many Canadians wish they could vote, a number of Haligonians are legally allowed to.

Dalhousie student Trevor Beers said he might go home to Bangor, Maine, to vote, but he hasn't decided who to vote for yet.

"I was on John McCain's side for a really long time, but I'm not a big fan of Sarah Palin," he said.

His state usually votes Democrat, so he said it's not really essential that he votes.

There's no doubt who Mike Tipping selected on his absentee ballot: The political science student from Orono, Maine, called himself a "Democrat up and down the ticket."

"I've been following (the election) obsessively close-



Trevor Beers, an international development student at Dalhousie, talks with Metro about the upcoming election in the U.S. Beers is from Bangor, Maine.

ly," he said. "It's interesting because after eight years, we really have a chance to go in a different direction, and that's something I'm really excited about."

Not allowed to vote in

the recent Canadian federal and municipal election, it's now his turn.

"I keep hearing from Canadians how they feel the American election will really affect them too and they wish they can vote."

Absentee votes

Americans who haven't voted by absentee ballots can still make their mark. Mike Tipping said in some cases they can get a relative to get a ballot for them, or they can get a federal write-in ballot at the American Consulate in Halifax.

He said he's hosting a party to watch the results pour in on Tuesday night.

Tom Kuhfahl from Westford, Vt., said he likely won't be voting because his state is expected to favour his choice, Obama, anyway.

"It's too much of a pain in the ass," he said.

It was the lowest-ever voter turnout in the recent Canadian election, but if Canadians could vote in the Nov. 4 election, those results would be much higher, speculated Kuhfahl.

"I think most Canadians would love the chance to elect the first black president," he said. "He represents our generation."

U.S. presidential results shouldn't matter much to Canadians: Professor

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POLITICS It doesn't matter who wins the Oval Office. It won't make a difference to Canada, according to a local political scientist.

Reginald Stuart, a professor at Mount Saint Vincent University, said both Republican and Democratic presidents have proven beneficial to Canada in the past.

"Democrat Bill Clinton negotiated NAFTA with a conservative (Canadian) government and Republican Ronald Reagan negotiated free trade," he said.

Then again, Democrats are generally protectionist in regards to foreign trade and Republicans tend to be the opposite.

Canadians are keen on the Nov. 4 election, and many will watch the results with interest.

"But the U.S. president is first, foremost and always the U.S. president, and he makes decisions in those ways," he said.

Canadians tend to consider themselves Democrats, Stuart said, and polls show there is much support in this country for Barack Obama. Obama, who is well ahead in the polls, will make Canadian

ans feel better about the United States, he added.

Plus, the American election is far more interesting than the Canadian one was, he said.

"It has a lot of real drama in it, and ours looked pretty prosaic after a while by comparison," Stuart said.

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Israel's popular Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni is being wooed by a Quebec admirer who sent her a diamond ring this week. Livni, a married mother of two, instructed her staff to return the ring to Laurent Bélanger and thank him. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Page avoids jail time

Steven Page, left, lead singer of the Barenaked Ladies, will not go jail on charges of drug possession, so long as he stays drug-free for six months and seeks substance abuse treatment, a Fayetteville, N.Y., judge said yesterday. The 38-year-old Page and two women were arrested in July after police found cocaine in a Fayetteville apartment. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

McKenna says he won't run for Grit leadership

Frank McKenna doesn't want to lead the federal Liberals, saying the job of rebuilding the battered party was a bigger job than he was ready to take on.

McKenna ended days of speculation with an official announcement yesterday that he would not be a contender to replace Stéphane Dion, who will step down after leading the party to its worst election result in recent memory.

"Although I have been deeply moved by expressions of support for me from across the country, I



"I have been deeply moved by expressions of support for me from across the country."

Frank McKenna, former N.B. premier

have not been persuaded to change my long-standing resolve to exit public life for good," McKenna said.

"The challenge of winning the leadership, restoring the health of the Liberal party and returning a Liberal majority government requires a longer time commitment than I am prepared to make,"

McKenna, vice-chair of TD Bank, said in a statement.

McKenna, who served as New Brunswick premier and Canada's ambassador in Washington, was attracted by the prospect of running for the leadership and would have been the front-runner if he had jumped in, said close friend David Peterson, former Ontario premier.

But in the end, McKenna, 60, felt the tug of family and other life considerations, he said.

"It was about 'how do I want to live my life? ... How do I want to spend six or eight years of my life. Is that what I want to do?'" Peterson said. "He made a very rational decision."

A Liberal strategist called McKenna's announcement "classy and important" because it allows key players to back other contenders, rather than waiting for a decision.

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PM, premiers plan financial crisis meet

ECONOMY Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced an emergency meeting on the economy with Canada premiers on Nov. 10 as federal and provincial governments struggle to stave off deficits.

A meeting Monday in Toronto of federal and provincial treasurers and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney would "lay the groundwork for the first ministers' meeting" a week later, Duncan said.

The first ministers' meeting will be the first of several gatherings on the econ-

omy involving Harper and the premiers as governments contend with dropping revenues and the growing fear of deficit financing.

While Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty posed for a photo yesterday, designed to give the impression they are hard at work, they refused to take questions on the economy or anything else.

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Shooting suspect turns himself in

TORONTO Kyle Weese, subject of a nationwide manhunt since innocent bystander Bailey Zaveda was shot dead in front of a Toronto Tavern early Saturday, turned himself in to Toronto police last night.

The 25-year-old was with a man believed to be his lawyer. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Provincial Liberals polling high in Quebec

POLITICS Quebec Premier Jean Charest, a leading opponent of separation from Canada, would win reelection in the French-speaking province if he triggers an election next week as widely expected, two polls suggested yesterday.

Re-election would push further into the future any possibility of Quebec sepa-

opposed

• 70 to 75 per cent of Quebecers oppose a provincial election call just 19 months after the last one.

ratists forcing a third referendum on independence from Canada. Their first two attempts to break up

Canada, in 1980 and 1995, failed. Separatists must be in power to be able to launch a referendum.

Charest's Liberals are six to eight points ahead of the Parti Quebecois and 18 to 21 points ahead of the Action démocratique du Québec, possibly even enough to get a majority government. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ECONOMY The Canadian government balked at a request from the auto-parts industry for up to \$1 billion in emergency funds and loan guarantees yesterday, arguing it has already taken steps to improve financing conditions.

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encompass commercial TV and radio station Web sites, electronic gaming sites and online radio stations.

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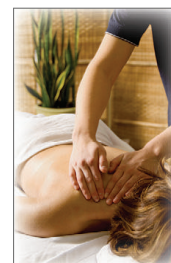


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If you're mad as hell at the media, you won't want to miss The Media's Right to Offend: Exploring Legal and Ethical Limits on Free Speech if you happen to be near the University of King's College in Halifax this Saturday.

I mean, it's no charge and they're even offering lunch.

Maybe you'd rather spend Saturday at the dentist, but as a serial offender, it's too bad I won't be there — can't be too careful in the wake of the ordeal of Mark Steyn and Maclean's magazine before the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal.

Steyn is a media offender, a very good one; albeit so far right he makes Sarah Palin look like a liberal. He wrote a book called America Alone about how Muslims are intent upon global domination and will achieve it through sheer determination to reproduce. Demographically, the West is doomed. Maclean's printed an excerpt headlined: Why the Future Belongs to Islam.

Interesting piece, but the fallout is even more interesting. The Canadian Islamic Congress had a snit, then went shopping until it found a tribunal willing to hear its complaint that the article exposed Muslims to hatred and contempt because of their religion.

Turned away by Ontario, the CIC went to B.C., where it found a willing ear. No matter that Maclean's is published in Toronto. No matter that Maclean's right to offend is enshrined in

the Canadian Charter of Rights; here on the Left Coast we defend everyone's right to complain, ad infinitum.

On Oct. 10, two years after the offending issue hit the stands, the B.C. tribunal issued its decision: The article may cause readers to fear Muslims, but that's not the same as hatred or contempt. Case dismissed.

So speech in Canada is still free, eh? Nuh-uh. Consider. It took a whack of lawyers for Maclean's to get Steyn off the hook. The tribunal held a week-long hearing in June, then issued a 37-page decision that deconstructs every title and jot.

Why would any sane publisher invite that kind of scrutiny?

Remind me not to write about Muslims ... or for that matter, utter any "any statement, publication, notice, sign, symbol, emblem or other representation that ... is likely to expose a

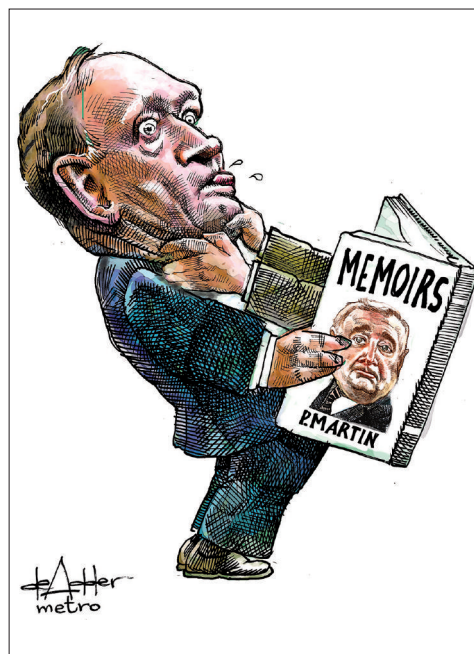
person or a group or class of persons to hatred or contempt."

The authors of the relevant section of the code may have been targeting neo-Nazis, not Mark Steyn, who is only neo-conservative. But like most other well-meaning attempts to regulate freedom of expression, it serves to lower the temperature around newsrooms, and media offenders risk severe frostbite if we dare to take on anything more controversial than the price of tea in China. On second thought ... tea, China, maybe not.

So, if you're worried about missing The Media's Right to Offend, relax... and rest assured that our right to offend has been severely curtailed.

But then again, you'll miss lunch.

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MICHAEL DE ADOR

Letters

Rainer Friedrich, HALIFAX

Re: Lawrence Martin. Left, right, north, south: Barack Obama and Stephen Harper — how weird is that? (Oct. 28)

There is nothing weird or bizarre about this since Canadian voters have not moved to the right in the last election despite the Tory minority government.

What is bizarre and weird is our electoral system that distorts the popular will and causes Martin to see a rightward shift among Canadians. Had Martin looked a little bit below the surface, he would have discovered that the Harper minority gov-

ernment has the support of only 22 per cent of all eligible voters.

The pro-Tory vote was 37 per cent of the popular vote; the anti-Tory vote was 62 per cent. This result alone gives the lie to Martin's piece.

Furthermore, if we factor in the actual voter turnout of 59 per cent, then the pro-Tory vote amounts to 22 per cent, and the anti-Tory vote to 37 per cent of all eligible voters. Some rightward shift!

These 22 per cent of Tory voters are presumably identical with the 22 per cent of Canadians that favour McCain over Obama.

Word on the street: Do you think the financial meltdown will affect you personally? If so, how?

Tim Stewart

Halifax

A: No. Not yet anyway.



Nick Hollinworth

visiting from the U.K.

A: It's affected us a small amount in terms of mortgage rates, gas and domestic bills. It hasn't really been a factor.



Marita Winaut

Halifax

A: The only way it's really affecting me is I have a lower mortgage rate right now. Other than that it sucks for my investments and my stocks and stuff.



Sandra Frenette

age 31, Ottawa

A: Yes, I think it will affect me. I think it will affect all government organizations in the long term.



Brad Jones

age 27, Toronto

A: I don't think so. I'm a student and I don't have any investments. I think maybe if the banks went under, I wouldn't have to pay back my credit card debt.



Deb Nehorniak

age 52, Edmonton

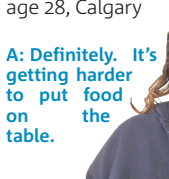
A: I'm worried about it. It's affecting my retirement right now. At my age it's going to be tough to come back up from a fall like that.



Kimberlee White

age 28, Calgary

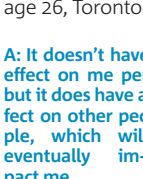
A: Definitely. It's getting harder to put food on the table.



Drew Burroughs

age 26, Toronto

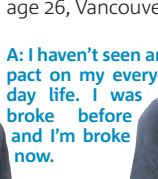
A: It doesn't have a huge effect on me personally, but it does have an affect on other people, which will eventually impact me.



Crystal Allen

age 26, Vancouver

A: I haven't seen an impact on my everyday life. I was broke before and I'm broke now.



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World/Business

Economic war of words continues

Republican presidential nominee John McCain teamed up with No. 2 Sarah Palin a week before Election Day yesterday to attack Democrat Barack Obama's economic plans, and they took heavy return fire from Obama.

Amid news reports of some strains between the McCain and Palin camps as they trail in opinion polls, McCain said he could not be more pleased with the enthusiasm his vice-presidential running mate has generated.

"By the way, when two mavericks join up, they don't always agree on everything, but that's a lot of fun," he told a rally in rain-soaked Hershey.

Obama, feeling the heat from McCain's accusations that he wants to redistribute Americans' wealth, took the Arizona senator head on at an event in Chester, Pa.

He said McCain's propos-



Republican presidential nominee Senator John McCain and his wife Cindy greet supporters at a rally in Hershey, Pa., yesterday.

als to extend tax cuts would worsen the country's budget picture, and again sought to tie McCain

to the policies of unpopular President George W. Bush.

"John McCain has ridden

shotgun as George Bush has driven our economy toward a cliff, and now he wants to take the wheel and step on the gas," Obama said.

Americans on Nov. 4 will vote in what amounts to 50 state-by-state elections. Each state has a certain number of electoral votes based on the size of its population. Whichever candidate gets 270 electoral votes wins the White House.

If current polling is accurate and stands up on Election Day, Obama could well win by a large margin.

Obama leads McCain by 49 per cent to 45 per cent among likely voters in a national tracking poll by Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby, a slight dip from his five-point advantage Monday.

McCain solidified his support among white and male voters, but Obama retained double-digit leads among women and independent voters — two key swing blocs. **REUTERS**

Business

Microsoft to simplify OS

Microsoft Corp. is betting its next Windows operating system will be faster and easier to use and avoid the missteps of Windows Vista, which alienated many users of the software that powers 90 per cent of the world's PCs.

Windows 7, which was previewed yesterday, is set to be introduced in a test version early next year with features including touch-screen technology and the ability to more easily personalize the system.

Windows Vista was so heavily criticized due to poor compatibility with devices and slow start speeds that it became the target of a marketing campaign by rival Apple Inc.

In addition, the usefulness of a traditional Windows desktop operating system is being challenged as more software applications move online, highlighting the central role of Internet browsers in a world centred

on the web.

Microsoft decided to measure success by a positive user experience versus technical superiority — often overlooked by ordinary consumers.

Julie Larson-Green, who's overseeing the design of Windows 7, said: "It's fine to have the best technical solution. But just like VHS and Beta (Betamax), the best technical solution doesn't always matter."

The company also adopted a "simple is better" philosophy, removing the system's complexity. **REUTERS**

Office online

The next upgrade of Office business software will include a version that edits word-processing documents and spreadsheets inside a web browser, Microsoft said. Files can be edited on a computer, web browser or a mobile phone.

Elvis top earner in the boneyard

RANKING Elvis Presley may have left the building several decades ago, but his earning power is far from diminished, with Forbes.com ranking him the top-earning dead celebrity for the second year in a row.

Presley pulled in \$52 million US in the past year,

helped by increased visitors to his Graceland estate on the 30th anniversary of his death and a new venture on satellite radio.

Coming in at No. 2 with \$33 million in earnings was Peanuts cartoonist Charles Schulz, who died in 2000, while Australian

actor Heath Ledger nabbed the third spot at an estimated \$20 million.

Forbes.com said it spoke to experts and sources inside the celebrities' estates and researched gross earnings before taxes, fees and other costs to come up with the rankings. **REUTERS**

Russian found guilty in murder of central banker

TRIAL A Russian businessman was found guilty yesterday of ordering the murder of a top Russian central banker, who led a campaign against money-laundering and corruption.

The state prosecutor said Alexei Frenkel had acted out of revenge when he ordered the September 2006 killing of Andrei Kozlov, the 41-year-old deputy head of Russia's central bank who had revoked Frenkel's banks' licences. He will be sentenced this week. **REUTERS**

GM asks feds for \$10B rescue plan

AUTOS General Motors Corp. has asked the U.S. government for roughly \$10 billion US in an unprecedented rescue package to support its acquisition of Chrysler LLC from Cerberus Capital Management, sources familiar with the talks said.

The government funding would include roughly \$3 billion in exchange for preferred stock in a merged automaker, according to one of the sources. **REUTERS**

In brief

RETAIL Wal-Mart Canada said it is on pace to meet its annual target of opening, expanding or relocating 25 to 27 outlets, but noted its spending on development projects would slow to reflect a darker outlook for retailing.

EXPORTS The total value of Canada's foreign shipments will probably hold steady next year on high prices for energy, base metals and agricultural products, but the financial crisis put the overall outlook at risk. Canadian exports rose one per cent this year. **REUTERS**

News in brief

MIDEAST Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to establish contacts with Taliban militants through tribal leaders following talks over how to end the bloodshed. A Taliban spokesman rejected the idea.

CHILE Health Minister Maria Soledad Barria resigned yesterday in the wake of a scandal in which a hospital in far northern Chile failed to notify dozens of patients that they had tested positive for HIV.

ENVIRONMENT The World Wildlife Fund says the Earth's natural resources are being depleted so quickly that it would take two planets to sustain current lifestyles by the mid-2030s. **REUTERS**

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Jones talks to Oprah

Disgraced U.S. track star Marion Jones will give her first post-prison interview to Oprah Winfrey. Jones's appearance on Wednesday's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will be her first interview since she was released from a Texas prison after completing most of her six-month sentence for lying about steroid use. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

World Series continues tonight ... maybe

Major League Baseball has scheduled the continuation of Game 5 of the World Series in Philadelphia for tonight, weather permitting. The game was suspended in a 2-2 tie between the Rays and Phillies during the sixth inning Monday night, and MLB officials cancelled plans to continue it last night due to more rain in the Philadelphia area. The Phillies lead the series 3-1 and can wrap up their first world championship in 28 years with a win.

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NBA

Tonight



THE SKINNY: A season of big expectations begins for the Toronto Raptors in Philadelphia against a 76ers team that perhaps underwent an even bigger off-season makeover than Toronto did.

STARTING LINEUPS:

TORONTO: Jose Calderon, Anthony Parker, Jamario Moon, Chris Bosh, Jermaine O'Neal.
PHILADELPHIA: Andre Miller, Thaddeus Young, Andre Iguodala, Elton Brand, Sam Dalember.

HOW WEATHER AFFECTS INDOOR SPORTS:

The game has been moved to 7 p.m. AT (The Score) to accommodate the continuation of suspended Game 5 of the World Series.

METRO

Oilers looking to make trade?

The Edmonton Oilers, slumping with four consecutive losses after an impressive 4-0 start, are desperately trying to trade a goaltender for a hard-nosed forward. Or two.

This is the word from two NHL sources, who told Metro the Oilers' Kevin Lowe and Steve Tambellini spent much of yesterday dangling their goalies as trade bait in discussions with rival club executives.

While the upstart Oilers have three NHL-calibre goalies — Dwayne Roloson, Mathieu Garon and Jeff Drouin-Deslauriers — it's become clear in recent games that they lack sufficient firepower.

After their 1-0 loss to the Boston Bruins Monday night, in fact, coach Craig MacTavish criticized the Oilers for being "too cute" and failing to produce an "ag-

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gressive enough attack."

He also said they haven't been "going to the tough areas to score goals."

Which explains their need for a hard-nosed forward. Or two.

• It's been the exact opposite story with Alberta's other NHL squad, which went undefeated (3-0) last week. Calgary's hard-nosed forward, Jarome Iginla, scored five of the Flames' 11 goals.

Dallas Stars loudmouth Sean Avery recently claimed Iginla is too quiet off the ice for the NHL to market, but the Calgary captain is mak-

ing profound statements on the ice.

And NHL fans hear his messages loudly and clearly. There's a poll on NHL.com, in fact, in which the majority of participating fans suggest Iginla will score more than 50 goals this season.

• So how did the Phillies react when MLB commissioner Bud Selig suspended their World Series game after the Tampa Bay Rays tied it at 2-2 after the fifth inning Monday night?

"That (expletive deleted) Selig," a Philadelphia pitcher said within earshot of a New Jersey reporter (who didn't identify him). "I wouldn't let him supervise one of my (bowel movements). He has no clue. Not one (expletive deleted) clue."

The same reporter said another Phillie said this about Selig: "He's a moron. How stupid can one person be?"

• I'm sure Danyelle Sargent feels pretty stupid these days. She's a sideline reporter for Fox TV and said this to new San Francisco 49ers coach Mike Singletary in a pre-game interview Sunday: "I heard that your mentor Bill Walsh was one of the first phone calls that you made when you found out that you had the job."

Walsh died in July 2007. And Sargent interrupted the coach's answer by saying this into her earpiece, "I'm sorry. Oh. I'm sorry. What, what did I, what was wrong?"

Fox didn't air that portion of the interview but the blunder still circulated around the United States and wound up being shown on several programs.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

NHL RESULT

Hurricanes 2 Habs 3 (SO)



THE SKINNY: Saku Koivu scored a shootout goal and Carey Price stopped all three shots in the tiebreaker to give the Canadiens a 3-2 win over the Carolina Hurricanes at the Bell Centre.

THE PENALTY SHOT: With the Habs working on a 5-on-3 advantage late in the period, Carolina's Dennis Seidenberg closed his hand on the puck in the crease. Alex Tanguay was awarded a penalty shot for the infraction, and he beat Ward with 10.1 seconds remaining for his sixth goal of the season to put Montreal up 2-1.

HONOURS: The Habs honoured coaching legends Dick Irvin, Toe Blake and Scotty Bowman as part of the team's 100th year celebrations.

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Lantz's Cory Urquhart is lighting up the East Coast Hockey League. The Stockton Thunder forward has three goals and six assists in five games and is tied for fifth in league scoring. Urquhart, 24, signed with the Thunder after his contract with the Montreal Canadiens ran out last spring. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Keith's steps up with cash awards

AUS Alexander Keith's announced yesterday it will donate cash awards to Atlantic University Sport's MVPs.

Keith's will hand out \$1,000 to the top players from each of the AUS championships for a total of \$16,000 in 2008-09.

St. Francis Xavier's Lisa Gauthier (women's rugby), David Gerych (men's cross country) and Gina Stewart (women's cross country) all received the cash awards yesterday.

Keith's also unveiled a new series of six collector cans featuring AUS fall sports. The cans, initially launched in January, include championship facts and promote AUS's official website for schedules, stats and information.

Dal women in preseason Top 10

BASKETBALL The Dalhousie Tigers are ranked fifth in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's season-opening women's basketball ranking.

Dalhousie, coming off a 12-8 season, has loaded up for a title run with the return of point guard Kelly Donald and all-star transfer Jenna Kaye from the P.E.I. Panthers.

The Simon Fraser Clan checked in at first overall in the top-10 ranking. The Tigers are the only representative from Atlantic University Sport to have cracked the list.

On the men's side, the Tigers sit 10th, and are joined by the sixth-ranked St. Francis Xavier X-Men from the AUS.

The AUS seasons open Thursday, Nov. 6.

Local teen part of U-17 history

SOCCER Lower Sackville's Nkem Ezurike played 69 minutes in Canada's 1-0 win over host New Zealand on the opening day of the inaugural FIFA women's under-17 World Cup yesterday. The 16-year-old was part of the starting lineup and was replaced in the 69th minute by Alycscha Mottershead. She put a header just wide of the net 20 minutes into the contest. Ezurike and the Canadian squad returns to action on Friday at 9 p.m. against South American champion Colombia. The match will be streamed live on cbcports.ca. The inaugural tournament features 16 countries including Canada, the U.S. and Costa Rica from the CONCACAF region.

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Green yearns for championship

St. F.X.'s workhorse running back looks for elusive title

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After James Green played his final high school football game with the St. Patrick's Irish almost five years ago, he could barely speak through his tears of disappointment.

On that day, in the provincial final, the gifted running back did what he does best — he ate up the ground for 240 yards and two touchdowns — but his Irish still lost in a heart-breaking upset at the hands of the Halifax West Warriors.

Last year, Green suffered a similar fate. Despite a Herculean effort of 276 yards and two touchdowns in the Atlantic University Sport championship game, his St. Francis Xavier X-Men lost by a single point to the Saint Mary's Huskies. Those memories haunt the Halifax native as he resumes his quest for that elusive title on Saturday, when the X-Men host

the Mount Allison Mounties in the AUS semifinals.

"I know what it feels like to come so close and lose," Green says. "I came so close to winning in high school and we lost the Loney Bowl last year by just a point. It's been years of building for this and we

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James Green

want to take it this year."

During his days at St. Pat's, Green dominated, manufacturing 300-yard, multi-touchdown outings in his sleep. But it took him several years apprenticing under all-star Marvin McCooty — adding 20 pounds of muscle to his high school weight of 172 pounds — before he became the X-Men's featured back.

He was an all-star last season in his third year, turning heads with his

dominating performance in the Loney Bowl.

This season, Green piled up 814 yards and seven touchdowns on 131 carries and was a prime MVP candidate before sitting out the final two games with a rolled ankle. He still led the conference in rushing by a ridiculous 307 yards.

It's been a gradual evolution.

"You have to take your time to mature and get bigger, stronger, and faster, and I learned lot playing behind some good players," Green says. "Once you get your shot, you have to play with the same confidence you had in high school."

Green has little to prove from an individual perspective in the playoffs, as his eye-popping, big-game numbers from past years speak for themselves.

But individual statistics will do little to comfort Green if he doesn't get his first championship banner — and the X-Men's first since 1996. It could be



Green gained 814 yards and 7 TDs this season despite missing two games with a rolled ankle.

Green's last hurrah, as he has not yet decided if he will return to St. F.X. for a fifth and final year. "It's go-

ing to take a lot of work over the next few weeks," Green says. "We've got to lay it all on the line."

Brier coming to Halifax in 2010: Source

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The 2010 Tim Hortons Brier appears headed for Halifax.

A source involved in the negotiations told Metro Halifax yesterday that a press conference is scheduled for next Tuesday to formally announce that the Metro Centre will play host to the annual Canadian men's curling championship.

The Canadian Curling Association would only confirm that it will be "making an announcement" next week.

"We don't have a lot to say," said Warren Hansen, the CCA's manager of event operations and media.

"We are making an announcement next Tuesday but I'm not at liberty to tell you what that is or what that will be about."

Halifax, which has hosted the Brier five times including 2003 and 1995, has

been hard after the event for the past year. London, Ont., and Saskatoon, Sask., were also in the mix.

"In any given year, we're negotiating with two or three cities at once," Hansen added. "Wherever we feel we're going to make a breakthrough, that's where the ball rests."

Halifax drew an attendance of 158,144 five years ago, a total that stands eighth all-time.

That year, Alberta's Randy Ferbey knocked out hometown favourite Mark Dacey of Mayflower in the final to claim his third consecutive title.

The Metro Centre also played host to the Roar of the Rings Canadian Olympic curling trials in 2005, drawing a total attendance of 159,235 over nine days.

The 2008 Brier was held at MTS Centre in Winnipeg, while the 2009 event is set for next March in Calgary.

Sports in brief

FUNDRAISER The Halifax Mooseheads announced yesterday that their Pink in the Rink event at the Metro Centre last Friday raised a total of \$19,460 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. The Mooseheads sold raffle tickets for special game-worn pink jerseys, as well as corporate ticket packages, pink pucks and T-shirts, as part of the fundraiser.

AUS FOOTBALL Saint Mary's Huskies rookie Jahmeek Murray was named Atlantic University Sport football's special teams player of the week yesterday following Friday's 192-yard, one-touchdown outing. Huskies receiver Ryan Warburton (offensive) and Acadia Axemen defensive lineman Adrian Saturley (defensive) were also honoured.

JUNIOR A HOCKEY The Halifax Wolverines allowed three third-period goals to fall 7-5 to the Miramichi Timberwolves in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action Tuesday night at the Halifax Forum. Ben Clarke, with two, Blake Myatt, Chad Locke and Patrick Smith scored for the Lions, who fall to 3-13-2.

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

W	L	OT	P	
Moncton	14	0	2	30
Cape Breton	12	5	0	24
Saint John	9	7	1	19
Bathurst	7	8	4	18
P.E.I.	7	9	1	15
HALIFAX	5	11	0	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	OT	P	
Shawinigan	14	4	0	28
Drummondville	12	3	2	26
Victoriaville	10	9	0	20
Lewiston	6	11	0	12

EAST DIVISION

W	L	OT	P	
Quebec	12	2	1	25
Rimouski	10	5	0	20
Bale-Comeau	5	8	3	13
Chicoutimi	5	10	2	12

WEST DIVISION

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Montreal	9	7	0	18
Rouyn-Noranda	8	6	2	18
Gateau	5	10	2	12
Val-d'Or	1	14	2	4

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Rimouski at Chicoutimi

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ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY NOV. 2 GAME

Mount Allison at St. Francis Xavier

NHL

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NORTHEAST DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
Buffalo	6	0	2	14
Montreal	6	1	1	12
Boston	3	2	3	9
Toronto	3	2	3	9
Ottawa	3	5	1	7

ATLANTIC DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
N.Y. Rangers	9	2	1	18
Pittsburgh	5	2	1	12
New Jersey	5	2	1	18
Philadelphia	3	3	3	9
N.Y. Islanders	2	5	0	4

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
Washington	5	3	2	10
Carolina	4	2	2	10
Florida	4	4	0	8
Atlanta	2	4	2	6
Tampa Bay	2	3	3	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
Detroit	6	1	1	13
St. Louis	5	3	0	10
Chicago	3	2	3	9
Nashville	4	4	1	9
Columbus	3	5	0	6

NORTHWEST DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
Minnesota	5	0	1	12
Colorado	5	3	0	10
Calgary	4	3	1	9
Edmonton	4	3	0	8
Vancouver	4	4	0	8

PACIFIC DIVISION

W	L	OT	PTS	
San Jose	7	2	0	14
Anaheim	4	5	0	8
Dallas	3	4	2	8
Los Angeles	3	4	0	6
Phoenix	3	4	0	6

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Caliber a bargain

Performance and low price rarely go hand in hand when you're talking about cars these days.

However, with Dodge's 2008 Caliber SRT4, you get 285 hp and 265 lb/ft of torque, starting at under the \$25K mark.

Talk about a bargain. Most performance versions of these compact sport sedans list at closer to the \$30K mark.

SRT stands for street and racing technology and it is Chrysler's performance division. They have a number of models currently on the

market including the Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8, Viper SRT10, Charger SRT8, and the Brampton-built Chrysler 300 SRT8 and Challenger SRT8.

With the Caliber SRT4, what they have done is taken a standard production Caliber, tweaked it with a turbocharger, high-performance suspension, huge brakes, 19-inch wheels and dressed it up with scoops and a rear spoiler, all for a starting price of \$24,995.

With these modifications, your normal Caliber economy hatch now goes



The 2008 Caliber SRT4

from 0-96 km/h in just over six seconds. A quarter-mile time is estimated at 13.6 seconds.

In the SRT4, the 2.4-litre intercooled turbo inline four-cylinder engine is mated with a six-speed Getrag manual transmission. No automatic transmission is offered, so if a high-performance machine is your desire, be prepared to shift manually.

My tester included an SRT option package (\$925) and special SRT wheels (\$250). With a destination charge of \$1,200, the car was listed at \$27,470.

In the SRT4, the four-wheel independent suspension is specially tuned and lowered. It features unique springs, front and rear anti-sway bars and twin-tube dampers. Traction control is

standard.

On the braking side, Bosch dual piston calipers in a brilliant red colour are at the front along with huge 340 mm (13.4 inch) discs and functional cooling ducts. At the rear are 300 mm (11.8 inch) discs on the rear.

To get the power to right places in this front-drive vehicle, the SRT4 has a specially-engineered Electron-

ic Stability Program (ESP) with Brake Lock Differential (BLD) technology to transfer torque to the drive tire with the most traction.

Inside, the basic Caliber interior has been modified with special SRT4 embroidered front seats that are deeply bolstered and similar to those found on the \$100K Dodge Viper.

You also get a centre-mounted tach, 300 km/h speedometer, turbo boost gauge, bright aluminum pedals and leather-wrapped steering wheel (with audio controls) and shift knob. Also standard is air conditioning with the Chill Zone storage compartment near the glove box for keeping water and pop cans cool on hot summer days.

Outside has been dressed up with a functional hood scoop, a unique front fascia, fog lamps, a large rear spoiler and SRT badging.

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SCION headed to Canada

Toyota Canada has announced the SCION brand is finally coming to Canada in 2010.

"Young Canadians have been telling us they want SCION, and now their desire is within reach. SCION is an authentic brand, created to mesh with youthful tastes and sensibilities, and we're excited to expand our presence in Canada with new vehicles that offer a

unique blend of flexibility, personalization, affordability and fuel efficiency," said Larry Hutchinson, Director of Toyota Canada Inc.

SCION attracted new customers to the Toyota family when the brand was launched in the United States in 2003.

SCION changed the purchase experience by allowing visitors to browse, investigate, research or just

discover SCION entirely at their own pace through grassroots events and a highly interactive and constantly evolving website.

SCION will come to Canada with three vehicles:

- The SCION tC compact sport coupe combines style and fun in a five-seater hatchback, topped with a remarkable panorama moon roof;

- The SCION xD blends

personality in a subcompact five-door hatchback;

- The SCION xB compact five-door hatchback delivers astounding spaciousness wrapped in a cubic cladding that's game for urban adventure.

All SCION models are well equipped with a full range of features, from air conditioning and cruise control to audio systems with SCION Sound Processing.



The SCION xB will be one of three models that will be available in Canada in 2010.

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Chrysler hybrids top fuel economy ratings

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Official U.S. EPA fuel economy numbers for the 2009 Chrysler Aspen Hybrid and Dodge Durango Hybrid are 20 city and 22 highway, achieving best-in-class fuel economy ratings for a full-size 4x4 SUV.

Chrysler LLC's first production hybrids are coupled with the renowned 5.7-litre Hemi V8 engine with fuel-saving Multi-Displacement System (MDS) technology.

Total output, when combined with the advanced two-mode hybrid system, is 400 hp and 380 lb/ft of torque — the most powerful hybrid SUVs.

Capable of towing 6,000 lbs., 2009 Chrysler Aspen and Dodge Durango hybrid

vehicles deliver seamless, dependable power and performance on demand, in an efficient package.

With an electrically variable transmission — featuring the best characteristics of an automatic transmission and hybrid drive — and two different hybrid modes of operation, the drive system dramatically improves fuel economy around town and at highway speeds.

Arriving later this year, the new 2009 Chrysler Aspen Hybrid will give a unique option to customers who need the cargo and towing capability of a sport-utility vehicle, but want a more efficient alternative.

Chrysler Aspen Hybrid is better than 53 per cent more fuel-efficient in the city and 40 per cent more fuel efficient overall.



Chrysler (Chrysler Aspen Hybrid shown) and Dodge hybrid SUVs boast fuel economy improvement of more than 53 per cent in city, and 40 per cent overall.

Lexus ES 350 for all tastes

For 2009, the Lexus ES 350 comes generously equipped, featuring an inspired suite of performance, handling, safety, comfort and convenience features.

What's more, a plethora of upgrade packages allow Lexus guests to tailor their ES 350 luxury sedan to their distinctive taste.

This includes a Navigation Package, new for the 2009 model year that makes the benefits of a DVD-based navigation system with back-up camera even more accessible.

The 2009 Lexus ES 350 is now on sale across Canada at the suggested retail

price of \$39,900.

The Lexus ES 350 features a lightweight but powerful 3.5-litre V6. This engine features many Lexus technologies, from Dual Variable Valve Timing with intelligence to an Acoustic Control Induction System, that maximize available power and fuel efficiency while minimizing emissions.

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Forty years of research and continual development have led to the 2009 Mazda RX-8 R3 sportscar with its unique rotary engine.

RX-8 40 years in the making

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



Winkle, winkle little Wankel/How I wonder if your crank'll/Torque enough to turn itself/Or will you wind up on the shelf.

That little poem was penned by John Dinkel, a 20-year veteran with Road & Track magazine in the 1970s and one of the great automotive writers of all time.

His poem kicked off a feature on the then-new Wankel rotary engine that German carmaker NSU (now part of Audi) was trying to make viable.

The problem was Dr. Felix Wankel invented it to power torpedoes for German U-Boats. It was never supposed to last longer than a few minutes, so trying to create a permanent rotor seal was not an issue.

NSU could not make it work, as hard as they tried. Nor could General Motors, Daimler-Benz, Rolls-Royce and Citroen.

But the little-known Mazda company in Japan gave it a go. After literally thousands of substances were tried, including horsehair, they got the rotor to seal at the apexes for an acceptably long period.

Then on May 30, 1967, Mazda launched the world's first twin-rotor engined car, the Mazda Cosmo Sport.

The 2009 Mazda RX-8 marks 40 years of the rotary and the R3 model is equipped to the point that there are no options available, but it does have more than a dozen extras never before offered on a RX-8.

Power is a twin-chamber rotary with the equivalent of 1.3-litres displacement. The R3 version is slightly more powerful at 238 hp and 159 lb/ft of torque on premium fuel. Fuel consumption is listed at 12.8/9.2L/100 km city/highway. There is only one transmission, a six-speed manual derived from the one used in the MX-5 Miata.

The new RX-8 R3 also features variable red-zone technology, which limits revs at

2009 Mazda RX-8 R3

Type: High-performance coupe
Price: \$40,780
Engine: 1.3-litre, twin chamber rotary engine
HP: 238

Highlights

- Swift
- Well-equipped base model
- Light-touch steering

a cold start to protect the engine and allows full use of the car's uniquely broad 9,000 rpm rev-band when it is fully warmed.

The electric power steering is also light, a bit too light for me, but nonetheless quick and effective without that ratchet feeling so common in first-generation electric steering boxes.

Besides the rotary engine, the RX-8 is unique in having demi-doors to the back seat often called suicide doors. They are like French doors when opened. The backseat is more decorative than usable, but you can fit two small fry back there.

The base price of the 2009 RX-8 is \$37,295, but the R3 package bumps that up to \$40,780.

Standard on the RX-8, including the R3, is a Bose premium sound system with nine speakers, cruise, climate control, rain-sensing wipers, automatic headlamp levelling and too much more to print.



One of the unique things on the RX-8 are the French doors that offer access to the back seat.

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Volvo C70 a looker

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for Metro Canada

As spectacular looking as the 2008 Volvo C70 is, the drive is even sweeter.

However, at \$61,895 for the tester I recently drove, the C70 is priced well above some other retractable hardtops like the VW Eos and Chrysler Sebring.

Good looks are probably its number one attribute, because the C70 is anything but practical. When you put the top down, there is very little room under a plastic cover that has to be pulled down in the trunk before the roof can be retracted.

Granted, there is a back seat which can be used for storage, but where do you put your luggage and stuff if you have to make a stop and don't want to put the top back up and down again?

And speaking of the top, it's something to marvel at when you push a button on the centre console to

2008 Volvo C70 T5

Type: Luxury retractable hardtop
Price: \$56,795, as tested \$61,895
Engine: 2.5-litre, turbocharged five-cylinder
HP: 227

Highlights

- Quality ride
- Stylish interior
- Retractable hardtop

start its downward operation. In fact, the 25-to-30 second ritual is likely to draw a crowd as the three parts fold their way neatly on top of each other into the trunk.

The C70 comes with only one engine, a 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo, producing 227 hp at 5,000 rpm and 236 lb/ft of torque. It is mated with a smooth-shifting six-speed manual transmission that is a treat to operate. A five-speed automatic with manual mode (\$1,500) is available as an option.



The 2008 Volvo C70 is a 2+2 convertible with a retractable hardtop that folds neatly in three sections into the trunk in less than 30 seconds.

Horsepower is up nine over the 2007 model and a few new options are available on the 2008 model including Volvo Blindspot Information System (BLIS) and keyless drive (\$575) that allows drivers to unlock the car and start it up without taking the key from their pocket.

Volvo's brochure advertises room for four, but the 2+2 setup makes it cramped for taller back seat passengers, even with the front seats moved forward. But in a pinch, there is room for more than two

passengers — something many convertibles on the market don't offer.

My tester came in a striking Magic Blue exterior colour with a Passion Leather Calcite interior — an attractive combination.

Among the standard features are four-wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS), electronic brake-distribution (EBD), dynamic stability and traction control (DSTC), emergency brake assist (EBA), whiplash pro-

tection system (WHIPS), door mounted inflatable curtain (DMIC), roll over protection system (ROPS), driver and front passenger multi-stage air bags with knee pad, seatbelt pre-tensioners, side impact protection system with side impact air bags, collision energy management body structure and pedestrian protection. As you can see, Volvo hasn't gotten away from making safety its top selling feature.



A look at the upscale interior of the Volvo C70. The 'floating' centre stack is a Volvo trademark.

As with all Volvos, I loved the seats. The front driver's seat provided just the right amount of back and thigh support. Heated front seats came as part of the Premium Package (\$2,850) that also included Passion leather upholstery, retractable side view mirrors with puddle lights, rain sensor, Homelink, auto dimming rear view mirror with compass and headlamp washers.

The ride quality is quite soft and comfortable for a convertible and there is a good degree of rigidity in the body when traveling rough roads.

The interior look and quality is first rate as in most Volvos. The classic floating centre stack is an interesting feature that I particularly like.

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It's 1965 all over again

EXHIBIT A unique MINI featuring a visually stunning exterior designed by legendary artist, illustrator and graphic designer Alan Aldridge, is now on show at the Design Museum in London that runs until January 29, 2009.

The MINI Aldridge Special is an exhibit in a retrospective display of Alan's work, entitled The Man with Kaleidoscope Eyes.

Alan Aldridge is known primarily for his creative work throughout the 1960s and 70s.

Dubbed The Graphic Entertainer, Aldridge illustrated lyric books for the Beatles, album covers for The Rolling Stones, The Who and Elton John, was art director for Penguin Books and illustrated much-loved children's

books such as The Butterfly Ball.

Now working in Los Angeles, Alan Aldridge was keen to mark the opening of his exhibition by recreating an iconic cover of the Sunday Times Magazine, which in 1965 featured a classic Mini painted in his own, inimitable style.

The MINI Aldridge Special is adorned with an array of images, shapes and patterns, each reflecting either a male or female theme, just as the 1965 car did.

The design theme is split between each side of the car, the driver side being largely set on a blue background and masculine in appearance, with passenger side artistry set on pink.



Renowned artist Alan Aldridge has created the MINI Aldridge Special for an art exhibit.

Fall brings many driving hazards

As autumn brings a change in the colour of leaves, motorists also need to be aware of the hazards brought about by changing road conditions.

Fallen leaves tend to accumulate near roadside gutters and, when combined with heavier seasonal rainfall, can block roadside drains causing localized deep water, and wet leaves on the road surface increase the danger of skidding for drivers and motorcyclists.

Darker mornings and early evenings also mean that it is harder to spot surface water.

If the road surface is black, pockets of water are less easy to see and can cause a sharp, unexpected jolt on the steering wheel when hit.

The colder temperatures of autumn can also give rise to fog.

Fog is a particular problem on fast-moving roads, such as motorways but severely reduced visibility brings danger for drivers

Sun's effect

• The sun is also lower in the sky at sunrise and sunset at this time of year and motorists should be aware this can have a dangerous blinding effect, particularly around the time motorists are commuting to and from work.

on all roads, particularly junctions and roundabouts.

Use fog lights sparingly; switch them on only when visibility is below 100 metres. Leaving them on after fog has disappeared is an offence and a danger to other motorists.

Fog can also cause moisture on the windshield; use wipers to clear the exterior and keep the interior clean to help maintain visibility.

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With Halloween a few days away, I've gotten to thinking about the supernatural realm. Here are a few of my favourite eerie experiences around the globe:

Hoia-Baciu Forest, Romania

The Hoia-Baciu Forest, located a few kilometres outside of Cluj Napoca in Romania, is rumoured to be a hot bed of unexplained activity.

Dubbed the Bermuda Triangle of Transylvania, it first gained international attention in 1968, when biologist Alexandru Sift captured a photo of a disc-shaped UFO. Since then, UFOs, apparitions, luminescent orbs, nocturnal lights and other unusual phenomena continue to be reported in this area. Trees that were normal a few years ago are now warped and gnarled, something that many say is a clear sign of an apparition. People who spend extended periods of time in the forest claim to experience anxiety, insomnia, excessive thirst, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

Witches' Market, Bolivia

Located among the side-



Bolivians come to the Mercado de las Brujas (the Witches' Market) to buy items like dried llama fetuses.

walk vendors of Avenida Sagarnaga, the Mercado de las Brujas (the Witches' Market) is where Bolivians come to buy all their ritualistic needs: Amulets, herbs, ceramic charms and tools of the occult. There are no little green men here, but you will find a most unusual souvenir — dried llama fetuses. Bolivians bury them under the foundation of new homes for good fortune.

Though Bolivia is primarily a Catholic country, the popular religion is a blend of Christian ideology and pre-Colombian indigenous rituals. To this day, blessings and burning ceremonies are an important

part of everyday Bolivian culture — witch or not.

Honey Island Swamp, Louisiana

Not sure if it was the threat of poisonous snakes or the alligator-infested waters, but there was definitely something mysterious about Louisiana's swamp lands. There have been eyewitness reports of a seven-foot-tall Bigfoot-type creature that lives in the area. They call it the Honey Island Swamp Monster. It's been described as "half mammal, half reptile, all man-eater." Of course, no one can prove its existence, but there are still many locals who dare

not enter the swamps alone.

Nazca Lines, Peru

The Nazca Lines, found in the southwestern part of Peru, are massive triangles, trapezoids and animal figures carved in precise patterns on the desert ground. Flying over this UNESCO world heritage site, visitors will see the shape of a hummingbird, a condor, a whale, a monkey and what some say looks like a googly-eyed astronaut. Despite years of scientific research, these "lines" remain a mystery.

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Made famous worldwide in a song, Ipanema is among Brazil's most well-known beaches.

Beachy Brazil

BRUNO GHETTI
for Metro World News

It is not an easy task to pick out only a few of the hundreds or even thousands of astonishing beaches along the Brazilian coastline.

Be it a long white stretch of sand hugged by impressive cliffs or a small shore in a serene bay, Brazil's coast reveals a bounty of treasures, and even some corners of paradise still to be discovered. Just some suggestions from a list of striking beauties:

Pontal do Atalaia Beay, Arraial do Cabo, Rio de Janeiro State: Arraial do Cabo is a very small, quiet resort less than two hours' drive from Rio, blessed with an idyllic beach called Pontal do Atalaia. The precarious walk down to the beach is rewarded with fabulous views, white sand and the clearest blue waters in the region, perfect for diving or snorkelling. Arraial do Cabo offers a cosy atmosphere and stunning environment, as well as low prices. Location: Arraial do Cabo, two-hour drive away from Rio de Janeiro. Bus from Novo Rio Bus Station.

Canoa Quebrada, Ceará State, northeastern Brazil: Canoa Quebrada — broken boat, in Portuguese

Ipanema

- Made famous worldwide thanks to the song, *The Girl from Ipanema*, by Tom Jobim and Vinícius de Moraes, Ipanema is undoubtedly the most charming place in Rio de Janeiro, sandwiched between green mountains and a blue sea on the famous Vieira Souto Avenue. The neighbourhood is the trendiest in Rio, and the beach is a stage where gorgeous girls and guys come to show off their tanned, athletic bodies.

— is a stunning resort, famous for its deep blue sea and bright sunny weather all year round. Dunes, cliffs and rust-coloured sand make this place a resource of peace and pleasure. This remote fishing village was "found" by hippies, then became a popular tourist destination in the '70s. But despite being one of the busiest resorts in Ceará, especially in summertime, this lovely resort has lost none of its charm. Location: 150 km away from Fortaleza, the state capital of Ceará. Buses to Acari and then to Canoa.

Praia da Princesa, Ilha do Algodão, Pará State, northern Brazil: Still unknown to most Brazilians due to its remote location off the northeastern coast, this island is named Ilha do Algodão because of the abundance of a native plant called algodão de sede — cotton silk — and the white sand beaches that resemble cotton fields (algodão means cotton in Portuguese). Praia da Princesa is the most beautiful beach on the island. This is an isolated spot, so expect fabulous swimming in the sea or bays, boating, trekking and bike riding, but fairly basic facilities. Location: 163 km by bus from Belem to the city of Marudá, then a 40-minute boat trip to Algodão Island.

Praia dos Carneiros, Tamandaré, Pernambuco State: Praia dos Carneiros — the Sheep Beach — looks the same as it did a hundred years ago. The ruins of an old church, the Chapel of St. Benedictus, facing the sea shows how slowly time passes in this piece of the Brazilian coast. A five-kilometre-long stretch of white sand lined with coconut trees gives this astonishing beach an exotic atmosphere. Location: 114 km away from Recife, the state capital of Pernambuco, in the village of Tamandaré.



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Haunted house

Vancouver's Hycroft Mansion is among Canada's most mysterious sites, according to Travelocity and IgoUgo. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Hay baths are just one of the spa treatments in South Tyrol

EMMA E. FORREST
for Metro World News



Need to know

ITALY Before visiting the mountains of South Tyrol, I had thought that being basted in herbs and gently baked for 20 minutes was something that only happened to a leg of lamb.

But in this Italian region, the hay bath is not a culinary technique; it's a traditional well-being experience, designed to soothe away your aches and pains.

Local Ladin farmers originally discovered the restorative benefits of hay while mowing the high meadows. After a day of heavy work, they would sleep in the hay overnight and wake up feeling rejuvenated and free of aches and pains.

Of course, you're more likely to enjoy it as the perfect cure after a hard day of trekking up the mountains or skiing down their slopes.

You're also more likely to experience it in a hotel than a barn. Stay on a farm and you might soak in a bath full of freshly cut hay. But in most hotels, your spa therapist will slather you in a mix of hay and mud, wrap you in plastic, and lower you onto a warm waterbed, where you'll float in your cocoon as you absorb the benefits of the hay.

Plan your health and beauty retreat and you can follow a course of treatments in a specific hotel and marinate in their family recipes. The area's most celebrated beauty guru, Daniela Steiner, set up her brand of spa at her family's idyllic luxury hotel, the Rosa Alpina in San Cassiano. The oils for these pampering treatments use the healing powers of arnica flowers, picked from the meadows on their estate every July.

On the web

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- thermemeran.it
- suedtirol.info

- Getting there: A number of airlines fly daily to Innsbruck and Venice, which is two hours by car from the area.
- Currency: Euros.
- Languages: German, Italian and Ladin.

At Feldmullerhof, the hip family-run eco-design hotel in Campo Tures, they send you off on a hike to collect the hay that you'll soak in. If you don't fancy hay, there are plenty of other treatments using local ingredients, including apple, grapes, wine, pine needles and honey, and there are healing waters to absorb too.

Soak in the sulphur baths in Bath Bergall, Olangu, float in the radioactive springs of Bath Salomonsbrunn, Antholz, or lounge in the saltwater outdoor pool at the Cron 4 health complex in the pretty town of Brunico.

At the thermal baths in Merano, you can bathe in radioactive mineral water, which is meant to soothe muscles, ease joints and improve breathing. But if that sounds too scary, you can have a relaxing massage with South Tyrolean chestnut and butcher's broom cream, tackle your cellulite with a brine bath with chestnut extracts or stimulate your circulation with a sheep's wool bath.

All this pampering is not just for women either. The benefits of edelweiss, thyme, marigold and sage have been harnessed by the most alpha of men in South Tyrol.

Rugged mountaineer Reinhold Messner, who has climbed some of the highest peaks in the world, has launched his own range of fragrances and beauty products, Messner Mountain Moments. The 14 lotions and potions correspond to the number of "eight-thousanders" — mountains exceeding 8,000 metres in altitude — that Messner has conquered.



Hay baths are among the spa treatments in Italy's Tyrol region.

Pricing at par

A tumbling Canadian dollar has meant that some holidays are costing consumers up to 20 per cent more than they would have a just few weeks ago. But Scenic Tours says that for now it's continuing to price all of its trips with the Canadian and U.S. dollars at par; check out scenictours.com for details. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Between the sky and sea

French Caribbean island a jungle village dream

BENEDICTE LORENZEN
for Metro World



Up, up, up climbs the car along narrow, twisted mountain roads. The sound of locusts blends in with the noise of the overexerted engine that struggles to ascend the mountain. Way up on the mountain there is a hotel that bears no resemblance to the palatial hotels that lodge tourists on the French island of Guadeloupe.

At the top of the mountain 10 brightly-coloured wooden huts gleam amongst the banana palms. Each nail has been hammered in by Georges Clement, a French carpenter

"The village's garden is enveloped in the scent of jasmine flowers, its lush tropical greenery evoking childhood reveries of Tarzan."

who decided to leave his job and the metropolitan country and venture to Guadeloupe in 1990, where the island had been devastated by a cyclone. After having helped rebuild the Caribbean paradise, he chose to fulfill an old childhood dream and built his own jungle village, Habitation Tendacayou.

17 years later the village's garden is enveloped in the scent of jasmine flowers, its lush tropical greenery evok-

ing childhood reveries of Tarzan. In one of the many luxuriant trees there is a treehouse with a bridge that leads to another tree-top where guests can shower with a clear view of the Caribbean Ocean.

On the map the island of Guadeloupe looks like a butterfly spreading its wings from east to west. As is often the case in these latitudes, the rum flows as freely and carefree as the calypso music and the bananas come fresh off the trees. The beaches are white with swaying palm trees and turquoise water.

It may look like a Caribbean postcard, but the envelope is French. Being a colony, the official language is French, most signs are in French and French mainlanders have taken Guadeloupe to heart as their very own heavenly getaway.

The two main islands of this French-Caribbean archipelago are only separated by the channel, Riviere Salée. The capital is Point à Pitre a buzzing city located on the island of Grand-Terre with many lively markets selling spices, fresh vegetables, fish and warm colourful Caribbean art. Away from the city, Grand Terre offers endless sugarcane fields and viewpoints over the shimmering waves that crash against the mountain-side so forcefully that water gushes towards the sky like Icelandic geysers.

Although it only takes a few seconds to cross the channel to the neighbouring island of Basse-Terre, the landscape is completely different, with sugarcane

fields replaced by lush rainforests.

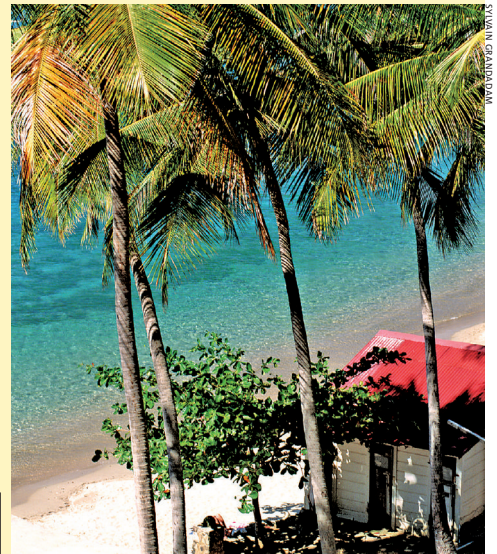
The first European to set foot on this island was Christopher Columbus, who named it after a famous icon of Virgin Mary. Up until then, the indigenous people used a much more appropriate name for this breathtaking place: "Karukera" or "The Island of Beautiful Waters".

Underneath the sea surface is an underwater zoo, where fish of all shapes and


colours stare at you through the corals as you lazily propel yourself through this watery world.

Celebrated marine biologist Jacques Cousteau declared Pigeon Island, off the mainland's west coast, one of the best diving spots in the world. In return he is honoured with an underwater statue of him that rests upon the soft sandy seabed.

The waters around Guadeloupe guard several secrets. The mangroves, a



Palm trees along the shore in Ile des Saintes, Guadeloupe.



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colossal nature reserve stretching deep into the ocean, are found north of the channel Riviere Salée. Although the deep blue colour of the water verifies that this is indeed the ocean, small forests crop up throughout it. When you jump out of the motorboat, you realise that the water is only knee-high, even though you are several kilometres offshore. The swampy mangrove bottoms foster shellfish whose names have probably never found their way into mainstream biology books.

For the adventurous type the mangroves offer a bit of Robinson Crusoe experience. La Biché is a tiny island, no bigger than a typical townhouse yard and the only building is a ramshackle tin shed. Nonetheless, you can sit cross-legged on the beach and marvel at the peculiar sight, where ocean and forest unite.

Guadeloupe is also a real gem for those who prefer land-based experiences. On hilly Basse-Terre the rainforest stretches its branches out beyond the cliffs towards the volcano La Soufrière, commonly known as "The Old Lady". Even if she may be capricious, she has lain dormant since 1976. On the green sides of La Soufrière, daredevils can hike their way up mountain paths and feel the heat from the volcano. But be sure to wear your best hiking boots and be careful if you have problems with your knees — the landscape is not exactly user-friendly with its slippery clay surface.

Elsewhere, there is 30,000 hectares of rainforest to explore on Basse-Terre. The thousands of trees host a rich animal life, but there are no dangerous species; instead you can watch a gecko change colour or have the chilling experience of seeing an eight cen-

Planning a trip?

Need to know facts

- How to get there: fly direct from Paris, Miami, New York, San Juan (Puerto Rico) and other Caribbean islands. Europeans don't need a visa as Guadeloupe is part of France, and a member of the EU.
- Where to stay: Habitation Tendacayou (www.tendacayou.com). Room rates €80 - 400 euros high season, between 15/12 - 15/05.
- Currency: Euros.
- Language: French.
- When to go: December and June. Hurricane season is July to November.

timetre-long spider.

The rainforest is a gigantic amusement park: sit on the top of a waterfall and let your body glide down with the gushing water through a small waterhole. The tingling sensation easily beats even the most amazing water roller coaster. An ingenious system of suspension bridges are built way up in the tree-tops and allows you to walk about 30 metres above ground. There are mountain sides to jump out from or rocky paths to hike on.

Back in the jungle hotel up on the mountain-top, the guests have gathered in the adjacent restaurant, where the carpenter's wife is serving oceanic experiences. While the guests enjoy the Caribbean specialties, a couple of local musicians come into the restaurant.

"Isn't she leeeuuuvleeeeyy, isn't she weeeunderful?" Stevie Wonder in an unmistakably French rendition seeps through the air at Poisson Rouge, the restaurant run by Georges' wife, Sylvie. If he is singing about Guadeloupe, the answer is easy: Yes! She is both lovely and wonderful.



View from Fort Napoleon of the town of Bourg on Terre-de-Haute, Iles des Saintes, Guadeloupe with boats moored in harbour.

Sylvester Stallone is plotting to bring grizzled Vietnam veteran John Rambo back for a fifth installment of the action movie franchise. "Rambo hopefully will be back. We've just got to give you guys a story that's worthwhile," Stallone said. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

No to Hairspray

John Travolta has decided not to reprise his role as Edna Turnblad in an upcoming sequel to *Hairspray*. "I did it and I did it well, but I'm not a big sequel guy," he says. **IMDB.COM**



Gray set to release debut album

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MUSIC His debut album hasn't even been officially released, but Halifax singer-songwriter John M. Gray can't help thinking about doing a second record.

"It is so much fun to paint all these tunes onto a canvas. I really think it whets your appetite to do more," he said. "But you know it is one step at a time. I really want to see how this CD does first."

Gray is releasing his first solo CD Centreline Bare on Saturday at the Music Room in Halifax at 8 p.m.

The lead singer and guitarist with Halifax roots rockers the BBQ Kings started writing material for this independent release five years ago, and has put together a 12-track CD that includes all original songs, ranging in style from rootsy pop to trippy jazz.

At 48, Gray is a late-bloomer in recording a first-time venture like this, but is hopeful the new record is well-received.

"Some people would argue it's a young person's game, but I'm not sure that it is," he said.

"There is a huge demographic of people in their 20s buying music online. The demographics of buying music in the whole industry just shifted so much in the last 10 years that it's going to be an interesting process for me ... to see how this project will go out into the world."

Gray plans to continue playing with the BBQ Kings, along with promoting his new record. He will be joined at the Music Room on Saturday by Tom Roach, Jamie Gatti and Ian McKinnon.

Tickets are \$15 and available at johnmgray.com.

In brief

FILM IMDB.com is reporting the Jonas brothers — Nick, Joe and Kevin — will appear in *Walter the Farting Dog*, according to People.com. The film is to begin shooting in spring 2009. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Theatre is in Pothitos' blood

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George Pothitos loves theatre. He grew up with it. He has a passion for it.

"It goes way back to my grandparents and my mother," said Pothitos, who is from Argentina. "It's something that's in me. I love it. I love everything about it."

Pothitos will take that love and start directing it toward Halifax as the new artistic director at Neptune Theatre.

Pothitos was named to the vacant position last week after serving nine years as artistic director at the Sudbury Theatre Centre in Ontario.

He replaces Ron Ulrich, who accepted a position at Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, Ont., earlier this year.

At Sudbury, Pothitos programmed plays like *Of the Fields and Lately*, and was instrumental in erasing a long-standing deficit and getting an increase in ticket sales.

"What I want to do is create a season of plays that will actually make contact with the commu-



George Pothitos was in Halifax yesterday for the first time since being named Neptune Theatre's new artistic director last week.

nity and the people," said Pothitos, who will start shaping Neptune's schedule for 2009-10.

"I want stories that have a human element to them, and that touch the heart and mind and come

together somehow.

"I think it's so universal the stories we tell on stage. I want to entertain, but engage the mind. I think we can do both."

Pothitos was in Halifax yesterday for the first

time since last week's announcement, and was formally introduced at Neptune Theatre's annual general meeting.

Pothitos won't take up full-time residence in Halifax until June 1, 2009, as

Neptune news

• Neptune Theatre announced its eighth consecutive operating surplus and elected George Caines as the new board president during its annual general meeting yesterday afternoon at Fountain Hall. Caines replaces Jamie Bailie, who will remain on as a board member.

• Also at the meeting, Port Hawkesbury's Sara Campbell won the Edmund C. Bovey Award, an annual bursary given to a student in Neptune's pre-professional training program.

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he continues to do work for the slightly smaller theatre in Sudbury.

"It's the same world, just amplified a little bit," Pothitos said when comparing the Sudbury theatre to Neptune.

"What Sudbury doesn't have is that second stage possibility. So what's so wonderful here is you can tell the stories, you can tell many stories in different ways and you have two venues that you can actually use to make sure that story is told well."

MacIvor receives prestigious theatre prize

THEATRE As he prepared to receive Canada's richest theatre prize at a ceremony in Toronto on Monday night, Cape Breton-born playwright Daniel MacIvor had a message for his mother Lillian: The cheque is in the mail.

"I want to say hi to my mom," the Dalhousie University graduate and former Halifax resident said prior to receiving the \$100,000 Siminovitch Prize. "And tell her that I'll be sending a little cheque her way."

The Siminovitch Prize in Theatre was introduced in 2001 and dedicated to scientist Lou Siminovitch and his late wife Elinore, a playwright. Sponsored by BMO Financial Group, the award recognizes direction, playwriting and design.

MacIvor, who now lives in Toronto, said he hadn't thought that he would



Daniel MacIvor, left, next to his winning proteges Medina Hahn and Daniel Arnold at Monday's \$100,000 Siminovitch Prize ceremony in Toronto.

win, given the others shortlisted for the prize.

Other contenders, selected from 26 nominated

Canadian playwrights, included Morwyn Brebner of Toronto; Daniel Danis of St-David de Falardeau,

Que.; Colleen Murphy of Toronto; and Larry Tremblay of Montreal.

"When I heard who was

on the short list, I thought that they would probably give it to someone else, so I was very surprised," he said.

"And I'm humbled because it's an amazing list of people who have won this award, because it's people that I really respect, and it was an honour to think that people were considering me to be part of that group."

A unique aspect of the Siminovitch Prize is that it comes with \$25,000 the recipient bestows upon a protege. MacIvor selected Vancouver playwrights Daniel Arnold and Medina Hahn, with whom he previously worked with.

MacIvor is no stranger to being recognized with awards. He previously received the 2006 Governor General's Award for Drama for his collection of plays, *I Still Love You*.

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Singleton pulls out of A-Team project

Director John Singleton has pulled out of plans for a movie version of 1980s TV hit *The A-Team*, after the project was postponed, according to reports. The filmmaker had signed to direct the picture, which was scheduled for release in June 2009. IMDB.COM



Remaking horror classics

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Even though I'm no longer able to get pillowcases full of free candy simply for putting on a sweaty latex mask, I still love Halloween. After all, it's the only time of the year when it's acceptable to watch the most disturbing and terrifying movies ever made.

Unfortunately, in recent years many horror-film lovers have found themselves bored with the tales of terror that have been filling the multiplexes.

Normally, audiences are limited to the latest *Saw* sequel, the hodge-podging of past horror films into new releases — like *The Haunting of Molly Hartley*, in theatres Friday — and of course remakes of scary movie classics.

It's understandable why remakes are being cranked out — the movies have a built-in audience thanks to brand loyalty — but that doesn't change the fact



The Swedish horror *Let the Right One In* opens in select Canadian theatres on Friday, but Hollywood is already planning a remake.

that all the Texas Chainsaw Massacre and *Grudge* Xeroxes are tainting the memory of the originals.

Here are some particularly frustrating remakes coming to screens in the months ahead:

• **Friday The 13th** (February 2009): Hockey mask connoisseur Jason Voorhees has already been

killing horny teens in eleven films, yet he is being resurrected to crank out a remake. I can't help but wonder how Jason will find new and interesting ways to slaughter talent-starved young actors when he already has more than 100 kills under his belt.

• **Last House On The Left** (March 2009): It seems like

Wes Craven's entire back catalogue is in development for "re-imagining." The most surprising of these projects has to be *Last House On The Left*, a 1972 rape-revenge horror that still can't be shown uncut in Britain. Despite the endless controversy, the film is about to be redressed for new audiences.

• **A Nightmare On Elm Street** (2010): Craven's 1984 horror became an instant classic for its brilliant conceit of a murderer who hunts teens in their dreams. Freddy quickly became a cultural icon, with countless sequels. There's no denying that the success of the film came down to two major players: Craven and star Robert Englund. Neither is involved in the remake. With any luck, audiences won't be either.

• **Let The Right One In** (TBA): Tomas Alfredson's brilliant teenage vampire/coming of age movie hits Canadian theatres on Friday, but a Hollywood remake is already underway with *Cloverfield* director Matt Reeves in charge. One of the most original and surprisingly touching horror movies in years, it's difficult to imagine a remake capturing the spirit of the original. I predict Dakota Fanning miscast in the lead role — and two hours of sleeping in the theater from me.

Rush joins road trip musical

MOVIES Geoffrey Rush is adding missionary priest to his resume, signing on to the cast of the indigenous musical *Bran Nue Dae*, producers said.



Rush will co-star with aboriginal actor Ernie Dinggo and Australian musicians Missy Higgins and Dan Sultan in what he calls a "kick-a-e road movie." Set in Broome in tropical northwest Australia, the film is a coming-of-age musical comedy that celebrates family, forgiveness and aboriginal reconciliation.

Rachel Perkins, who also adapted Jimmy Chi's creation for the screen, is directing.

Rush who won an Oscar for his lead role in *Shine*, was in theaters last year with *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*.

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The U.K. band Snow Patrol have left the doldrums behind on their upbeat new album, but wonder if their fans will follow.

Snow Patrol chasing love

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With the American election days away, it's impossible to have a conversation without mentioning the two people up for the presidency — Barack Obama and John McCain.

But it's not just political analysts or news junkies who've got an opinion on who should win — even rock superstars Snow Patrol have something to say. "If Barack Obama wins it's going to be a revolution," says drummer Jonny Quinn. "We believe what he believes in."

Quinn is such a fan that he and the rest of the band — singer Gary Lightbody, bassist Paul Wilson, guitarist Nathan Connolly and keyboardist Tom Simpson — saw Obama speak in Berlin during his tour of Europe. Quinn is deeply immersed in the presidential race. But the U.K. band shied away from espousing

its political beliefs on new record *A Hundred Millions Suns* — in stores this week. Instead, the five-piece touched on a subject it has written about before: Love.

This time around, however, the tunes aren't slow, moping tracks about breakups, but rather, upbeat rockers about how great love is. It's a marked departure from these perennial relationship losers, and Quinn is concerned the happier outlook might not fly with fans.

"Gary is totally in love," says Quinn, explaining why the band has taken a turn toward the positive. "But people love buying our records to cry to it. This isn't tested, so we don't know how it will be received."

Still, after its last album, the massively popular *Eyes Open*, the band needed to change or risk being perceived as pandering to the almighty dollar.

"Everyone had to push themselves, which is always challenging."



The Canadian delegation at the Games of La Francophonie is made up of three distinct teams: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. Professional artists under 35 years of age as of September 27, 2009, have a Canadian citizenship and are interested in representing Team Canada in the cultural competitions, should register now.

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Love Hewitt to dress up as Jolie for Halloween
Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt will dress up as actress Angelina Jolie for Halloween, and she plans on looking "really sultry and really drop-dead gorgeous." **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Reeves denies contact with photographer

IN COURT Actor Keanu Reeves told a Los Angeles court yesterday he did not knock down a paparazzo photographer to avoid having his picture taken, saying the man stumbled while walking backward.

Reeves testified for about an hour in the civil lawsuit brought against him by the photographer, who claimed he had lost earnings because of injuries to his wrist in the March 2007 incident.

Reeves, 44, was pulling away from the curb in his Porsche outside a home in the Rancho Palos Verdes area when "in a sudden, erratic and dangerous manner, (he) drove forward and struck" photographer Alison Silva, according to the photographer's lawsuit.

Silva said Reeves had been visiting his sister.

But Reeves said he was certain the only time his car made contact with Silva was when the paparazzo bent over and put his hand on the hood of his car. He then began stepping backward and fell.

REUTERS

Singer looking step ahead

She's only on the second single from her gold-certified Little Voices album, but Sara Bareilles is thinking about her next release "all the time."

"I've done some writing for it," said the singer-songwriter, who has followed up her chart-topping single Love Song with the new tune Bottle It Up.

"I have some songs ready to go. I'm thinking about the songs that didn't make it on the first record to try and include a couple of those as well," she told Billboard.com.

Bareilles — who's performing the new songs August Moon and Little Voice (yes, it didn't make it onto the album of the same name) at her shows — is keenly aware of the high expectations that will greet her next album.

"I'm just hoping to feel as proud of this next record and as connected to it as I did the first. The first one is so autobiographical, I'm just hoping the second one can expand on what's been put out there and just go a little deeper."

Bareilles will be going a



Sara Bareilles says she knows expectation will be high when she releases her next album.

little deeper into Little Voices before she goes into a recording studio again,

however. A third single, Gravity — the album's oldest song — is on the run-

"I'm just hoping to feel as proud of this next record and as connected to it as I did the first ... I'm just hoping the second one can expand on what's been put out there."

Sara Bareilles

way, and she has U.S. and European dates booked into late November. "It'd be nice at some point to get to a place where you can relax a little bit," she said, quickly adding that the lament "is not a woe-is-me story."

"If I've learned anything from this whole experience, it's just that it's a total roller-coaster," Bareilles said. "The more you kind of succumb to the fact, that it's just gonna be ups and downs and totally surreal and kind of weird, the more you can just kind of enjoy it. This whole experience has been one big, pleasant surprise." **REUTERS**

Picasso work withdrawn from sale

ART Auctioneer Sotheby's has withdrawn a Picasso Cubist painting that was set to be auctioned as part of an Impressionist and Modern art sale on Monday.

Arlequin (1909), which the auction house estimated at more than \$30 million US, was expected to be one of the most expensive pieces in a high-profile sale designed to kick off the autumn art season.

"The owner decided to withdraw the painting for private reasons," a Sotheby's spokeswoman told Reuters.

The New York Times reported that there had been rumours for some time that the work would be taken off the market because of fears that art prices were heading the way of the world financial markets.

The painting was included in a catalog that was sent to potential buyers this month, the Times said.

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Hollywood's 20 creepiest celebs

FINDINGS Want a creepy celebrity to scare trick-or-treaters this Halloween? You could do no better than rocker Marilyn Manson, and you'd be really lucky to land Michael Jackson. But O.J. Simpson? Sorry, he's in jail.

Those three topped a list of the 20 creepiest celebrities, released by market research firm e-Poll, which tracks the popularity of actors, musicians and others for Hollywood's major film and TV studios and other companies.

Manson was No. 1 with an overall creep factor of 76 per cent and a popularity rating of just nine per cent, meaning that more than three-quarters of people responding to e-Poll found him creepy and only nine per cent found him appealing.

He was followed by Jackson with 67 per cent creepy/14 per cent appeal, and third was Simpson, who was recently convicted of robbery and kidnapping charges in Las Vegas. He had a 59 per cent creepy/three per cent appeal rating.

There are two kinds of creepy in Hollywood celebrity, explained e-Poll's chief executive Gerry Philpott.

There are the kind — like the three above — from whom some people might

Complete list

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| • 1 Marilyn Manson: creepy 76%; appeal 9% | • 11 Courtney Love: creepy 40%; appeal 7% |
| • 2 Michael Jackson: creepy 67%; appeal 14% | • 12 Carrot Top: creepy 39%; appeal 17% |
| • 3 O.J. Simpson: creepy 59%; appeal 3% | • 13 Don Imus: creepy 38%; appeal 12% |
| • 4 Stephen King: creepy 51%; appeal 61% | • 14 Keith Richards: creepy 38%; appeal 26% |
| • 5 Howard Stern: creepy 45%; appeal 13% | • 15 David Blaine: creepy 37%; appeal 36% |
| • 6 Andy Dick: creepy 44%; appeal 17% | • 16 Woody Allen: creepy 35%; appeal 24% |
| • 7 Ozzy Osbourne: creepy 43%; appeal 29% | • 17 Gene Simmons: creepy 33%; appeal 30% |
| • 8 Criss Angel: creepy 43%; appeal 45% | • 18 Tom Green: creepy 31%; appeal 30% |
| • 9 Flavor Flav: creepy 41%; appeal 17% | • 19 Tommy Lee: creepy 29%; appeal 25% |
| • 10 Paul Reubens: creepy 41%; appeal 22% | • 20 M. Night Shyamalan: creepy 27%; appeal 53% |

run, and then there are types like horror novelist Stephen King, whom many people find fascinating precisely because they are spooky.

King made the list at No. 4 with a creep factor of 51 per cent but strong fan appeal of 61 per cent.

"Who would you rather have a beer with: Stephen King or Andy Dick?" said Philpott, referring to the comedian who recently pleaded guilty to battery in California for pulling down a teenage girl's top in a sports bar.

Dick, 42, was No. 6 on the list with a creep factor

of 44 and an appeal rating of just 17.

Some celebrities, such as Manson, make a name for themselves outside mainstream pop culture, so it's OK to be creepy, said Philpott. Then there are others, like director Woody Allen, who would probably prefer people don't think of them as creeps. He made the list at No. 16.

Finally, there is a practical side to being a celebrity creep, Philpott said. When spookiness is required, it is easier to get a job, and in this gloomy economy, that is a good thing.

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CBS pulls The Ex List

Just call it the ex-Ex List. CBS is pulling the struggling freshman drama off its schedule, effective immediately. The Ex List stars Elizabeth Reaser, right. EW.COM



Struggling shows hang on

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YOU READ IT HERE FIRST:

The poor economy and the lingering effects of the Hollywood writers' strike are giving struggling shows a second chance they might otherwise not have gotten, according to a story by the Hollywood Reporter.

Of course, you already knew that if you'd read this column last week (nyah nyah nyah), but it's one of those factoids of glaring obviousness, so I'll give them a pass this time. "No execs would talk on the record," said the Reporter, which means bingo, bull's-eye and boo-yah in Hollywood calculus, and the story went on to elaborate that "the economic crisis, combined with the cost of marketing a new series, the lack of new programming invento-



The state of the economy and the effects of the writers' strike have given shows like *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* a second chance.

ry because of the WGA strike and the anticipated difficulty of locking down new advertiser commitments, has networks inclined to play it safe."

The three shows highlighted by the story — NBC's *Knight Rider*, ABC's *Private Practice* and Fox's *Terminator: The Sarah Con-*

nor Chronicles — have all been underperforming in ratings, and would have been cut loose by their networks during any sort of healthy TV season, especially Fox, whose impatience with new shows that fail to deliver is as furious as a British nanny toilet-training a 10-year-old.

"Networks are loath to exit the fall without at least one series to tout as a success," the Reporter notes. "Plus, the writers' strike ... has delayed quality mid-season replacements. And with ratings declining overall because of increasing DVR penetration and audience erosion to cable net-

works and the Internet, the bar for success keeps being lowered."

All you have to do is throw in an Old Testament plague that only targets executives at the big four networks, and you've got something like a perfect storm of media extinction, as far as I can see.

Back when we were being treated to the spectacle of millionaire writer/actor/producer types walking the picket lines and pretending they were coal miners striking to get a pay raise that would let them

pay for their coffin after they die from black lung, there was some speculation that the writers' strike would turbocharge the march to

extinction for network broadcast television. Hollywood optimists imagined that it would come in the shape of creatively frustrated writers and their creative allies turning to the Internet to create their own content delivery systems.

That was too much like work for Hollywood's bohemian guilds, but the death march picked up the pace nonetheless, and now it looks like the first of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse has arrived, in the deceiving form of KITT the Wonder Car.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Brody on the run in The Courier role

FILM Adrien Brody will be chased by cops and crime bosses as the title character in *The Courier*.

Brody

The action tale centres on a daredevil courier trying to deliver a briefcase to an underworld figure who can't be found. Filming is scheduled to begin next January in Louisiana and Las Vegas.

Russell Mulcahy (*Resident Evil: Extinction*) will direct the Arclight Films project.

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In brief

INDIE DRAMA Weeds star Mary-Louise Parker will begin a May/December romance with Michael Douglas in *Solitary*, an indie drama co-starring Susan Sarandon, Danny DeVito and Jenna Fischer. The shoot is set to begin next month in New York.

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critics' corner

Sophie Now, see, this is why one should never, ever burn one's bridges, especially in showbiz. A certain casting director was on the receiving end of some harsh treatment from Estelle (Sara Botsford) years ago. Now guess who needs work and has to make nice with said casting director. Judith (Mimi Kuziyk) has a new roommate: Ophelia (Chantelle Chung). Natalie Brown also stars in the new episode "The Casting Couch." 8:30 PM on CBC



The Guard En Guard! Coast Guard, that is. All aboard for a second season of this drama series focusing on a group of Coast Guard members stationed at Port Hallett as they juggle their careers and personal lives. Steve Bacic, Jeremy Guilbault and Zoie Palmer play the rescue divers. 8 PM on CHIF

The New Adventures of Old Christine The green-eyed monster rears its ugly head yet again. Christine and Barb (Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Wanda Sykes) go out on a casual double date with two men they met at a video store, but when one of the dates goes better than the other, jealousy arises. How does this happen? We can't even find the movies we're looking for at the video store; how did they find dates? 9:30 PM on CBS

Annabeth Gish of Showtime's *Brotherhood* and husband Wade Allen welcomed their second child, son Enzo Edward Allen. Enzo was born Saturday night in Rhode Island and weighed 7 lbs. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Friends fret over Lindsay's weight

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has sparked concerns for her health after losing 14 lbs, famefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who denied rumours she was suffering from an eating disorder after dropping to a Size 0 three years ago, has worried pals who have seen her Size 10-12 frame reduced to a tiny Size 6.

"She is thinner than ever and we are concerned she is taking it too far," a source told Britain's *Star* magazine. "Lindsay's weight has always fluctuated, but since falling

in love with Samantha Ronson, who is naturally very slim, Lindsay seems desperate to lose more weight."

Lohan has reportedly insisted she has a healthy diet which includes "drinking buckets of green tea" and "eating fresh fruit smoothies with aloe vera, sushi, pasta salad and lots of green vegetables such as broccoli and spinach."

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Affleck explains 'Bennifer' saga

PEOPLE Actor Ben Affleck has opened up about his high-profile engagement to Jennifer Lopez, insisting the pair was "too accessible" to the media, imdb.com reports.

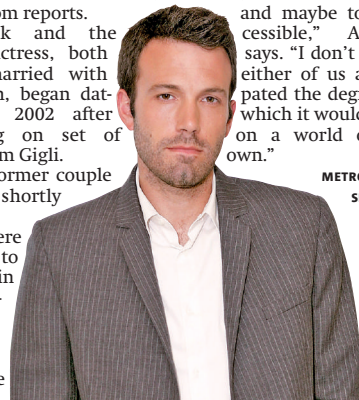
Affleck and the singer/actress, both now married with children, began dating in 2002 after meeting on set of their film *Gigli*.

The former couple split shortly before they were due to wed in September 2004, marking the

end of a media circus that surrounded their relationship.

"I think Jen and I made a mistake in that we fell in love, we were excited and maybe too accessible," Affleck says. "I don't think either of us anticipated the degree to which it would take on a world of its own."

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Cops crash Kate's bash

HALLOWEEN Actress Kate Hudson's Halloween party attracted some unusual guests — a squad of Los Angeles cops reportedly swooped on the bash and ordered revellers to tone it down, imdb.com reports.

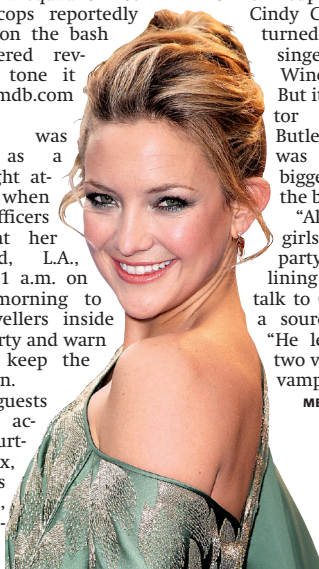
Hudson was dressed as a 1960s flight attendant when LAPD officers arrived at her Brentwood, L.A., home at 1 a.m. on Sunday morning to move revellers inside the property and warn them to keep the noise down.

Party guests included actress Courtney Cox, dressed as a witch, and husband

David Arquette as a warlock. Actress Winona Ryder went as a mouse, and former supermodel Cindy Crawford turned up as singer Amy Winehouse. But it was actor Gerard Butler who was the biggest hit at the bash.

"All the girls at the party were lining up to talk to Gerard," a source says. "He left with two very sexy vampires."

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Jackson's praise stuns Zac

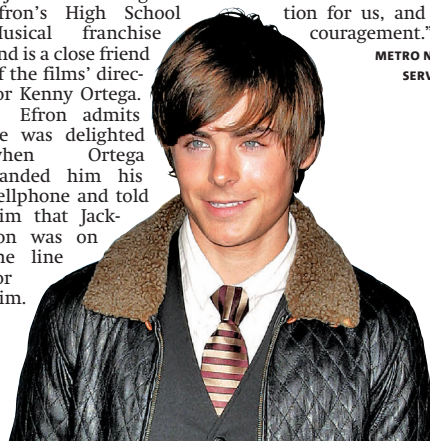
FAME Actor Zac Efron was overwhelmed to find out Michael Jackson is a fan of his work, and was left "speechless" when the pop superstar called to congratulate him on his success, imdb.com reports.

Jackson is a big fan of Efron's High School Musical franchise and is a close friend of the films' director Kenny Ortega.

Efron admits he was delighted when Ortega handed him his cellphone and told him that Jackson was on the line for him.

"I've been wanting to talk to Michael Jackson my whole life, but as soon as Kenny handed me the phone, I was at a loss for words. I have never been so speechless," he says. "He said he loves High School Musical. It was motivation for us, and encouragement."

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celebrity briefs

Hayden urges fans on dolphin issue

ACTIVISM Animal rights activist Hayden Panettiere has appealed to fans in an online video message to support a charity campaigning against commercial whaling, imdb.com reports.

The actress hit headlines last year when she joined animal rights activists in a protest against the slaughtering of dolphins in the historic whaling town of Taiji, Japan.

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Elle denies ties with ex-convict

RUMOUR Supermodel Elle MacPherson has denied reports she is in a relationship with convicted drug smuggler Brian Burgess and has threatened legal action if the press speculation continues, imdb.com reports.

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Joe's take on celebrities



Thank goodness **Ben Affleck** is opening up about his ill-fated engagement to "I'm still, I'm still" **Jennifer Lopez**. Seems that their failure to marry can be blamed on media accessibility. Thanks for clearing that up, Ben. It's not that you were a pair of shallow, fame-grubbing quasi-stars whose publicists cooked up a brilliant scheme to dominate magazine covers for two years, and coined the celeb portmanteau, **Bennifer**, against which all others would be judged. It's just that you were so in love, and so excited, that you shared too much of yourselves. Sort of like **Romeo and Juliet**, but without the double-suicide I had my heart set on. Funny thing is, I'd always assumed that the break-up happened because our Ben actually ran out of booze for a couple of days. But by making this public pronouncement about something that may as well have happened during the Napoleonic Wars as far as the added attention spans of the celebrity-obsessed are concerned, Ben has given every indication that he is suffering from 'Dumpee's Remorse'.

I don't know if Affleck has considered how unwise it is to wax nostalgic about lost loves when your present wife is pregnant. When said wife happens to be the powerfully built **Jennifer Garner**, who kicked butt on *Alias*, that's just plain reckless.

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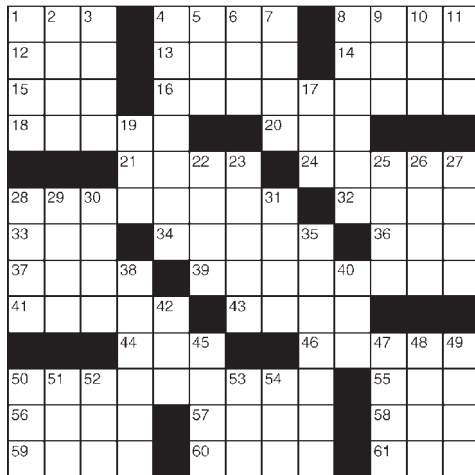
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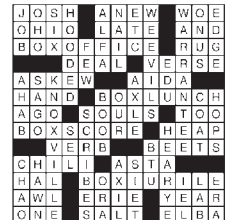
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| 20 Weir | 55 Depressed |
| 21 Coagulate | 56 Vicinity |
| 24 Summertime vacation site | 57 Malaria symptom |
| 28 Tall cupboards | 58 Corroded |
| 32 Pale | 59 1/746 horsepower |
| 33 — constrictor | 60 Unruly groups |
| | 61 Owns |

Crossword down

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Ego | 17 Apply lightly | 35 1979 song by Robert John |
| 2 Maleficence | 19 Green prefix | 38 Cheerful |
| 3 Simple | 22 Exam format | 40 Baton Rouge sch. |
| 4 Inspiring romance, maybe | 23 Reservation residence | 42 Coop dweller |
| 5 Gen. Sherman called it hell | 25 Italian wine | 45 Dutch cheese |
| 6 \$ dispenser | 26 At the home of (Fr.) | 47 Mediocre |
| 7 Rosary component | 27 Jekyll's bad side | 48 Greek vowel |
| 8 Black Sea peninsula | 28 8-Across' victim | 49 Rams fans? |
| 9 Have a bug | 29 Optimistic | 50 Matlock's field |
| 10 "— be darned!" | 30 Sir's counter-part | 51 Mound stat |
| 11 Ultramodernist | 31 Long story | 52 Obtain |
| | | 53 In days past |
| | | 54 Massage |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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| Under 13 min | Genius | 17-21 min | Smart |
| 13-17 min | Scholar | 21-25 min | Not bad |
| | | 25+ min | Keep practising |

Recipe of the day



Lamb Kebabs with Greek Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh oregano
- 1 (16 oz / 450 g) boneless leg of lamb, trimmed of visible fat and diced 2 cm thick
- 4 whole-wheat pita breads, cut into triangles, to serve
- Greek-style yogurt to serve (optional)
- GREEK-STYLE SALAD:**
- 6 tomatoes, thickly sliced
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 baby or small white cabbage, about 220 g, core removed and thinly shredded
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cucumber, halved and thinly sliced
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil

METHOD:

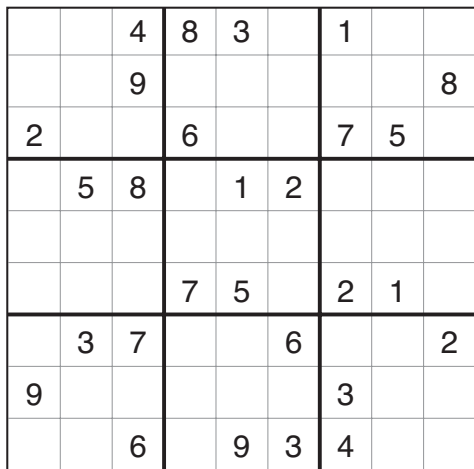
- Preheat the broiler or heat a ridged cast-iron grill pan. Put olive oil, garlic, lemon juice and oregano in a bowl and stir to combine. Add lamb and turn until well coated. Thread the cubes onto 4 skewers.
- Cook lamb under the broiler or in the pan for about 7-8 minutes or until tender, turning frequently. Toward the end of cooking, warm pita bread under the broiler.
- Place all salad ingredients in a bowl. Toss gently. Serve kebabs with salad, pita bread and yogurt, if using.

SERVES 4



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The status quo changes when someone fails to arrive. A partnership needs to be resumed. An executive wants to make a public proposal.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll have to come to the rescue of a friend. Fight against flamboyance in a brainstorming session. A precious friend has faith in your instincts.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
A detached associate loses out due to negligence. You'll witness a change of attitude. A radiant lover will win over the boss.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
A keen colleague has the courage to object. Affection restores a woman's self-assurance. Someone fantasizes about excellent money ideas.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't make too much noise. You'll be forced to interpret some frosty behaviour. Wealth will be revealed after a melt-down occurs.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
An agile ally has lots of answers. A smart person involves you in an uncertain situation. Good conduct may be essential in the long run.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
An authorization comes through in vain. A snob says scathing things and goes away. A flirtation escalates and tempting invitations arrive.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
An ignoramus isn't interested in being tactful. A trip is made to give satisfaction. The wrecking of hopeful wishes is heard of at work.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Be sincere when explaining problems. Don't push anyone around in order to find happiness. Someone's quirks can be effectively sidestepped.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Incoming bills will be less than you expected. An unforeseen invitation will be received. An associate's apathy defies comprehension.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
A charming female finally meets her match. A phone call will lead to a waste of energy. Personal boundaries should be respected.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
A compliment is not what it seems. Insecurity brings down a new friend. A tantrum is caused when somebody is behaving respectfully.

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- OCT. 29, 1787: Mozart's opera Don Giovanni receives its first performance in Prague.
- OCT. 29, 1929: The New York Stock Exchange crashes in what will be called the Crash of '29 or "Black Tuesday," ending the Great Bull Market of the 1920s and beginning the Great Depression.
- OCT. 29, 1960: In Kentucky, Cassius Clay (who later takes the name Muhammad Ali) wins his first professional fight.
- OCT. 29, 2007: In Argentina for the first time, a woman, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, is elected President.

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- Afternoon snooze headwear (1)
- Confiscate hive insects (1)
- Temperamental Liza mom Garland (2)
- Soda-sipping tube imperfection (1)
- Govt. department's new French money (2)
- Armed mugging in a small truck (2)
- Slangily, Wild West surgeon's mandibles (2)

ANSWERS: 1. NAPP CAP 2. SEIZE BEES 3. MOODY JURY 4. STRAW FLAW 5. BERRANS EMBOS 6. PICKUP STICKER 7. SAWYONS JAWMORS

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